

Dear Father Aloysius

Am wishing you a  
very happy and holy  
Easter. May our risen Savior  
bless you abundantly.

Along with seven Golden  
Jubilarians, I am going to  
celebrate my Silver Jubilee.

Being a spiritual beggar,  
I would like to make a bar-  
gain with you. If you will  
give me a remembrance in  
your prayers on that day, I  
will ask our Blessed Mother  
to see that you are made  
partaker in all the blessings  
of the Jubilee Day.

Sincerely

Sister M. Marcella

The Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart

St. Joseph's Hospital, San Francisco

Cordially invite you to

The Celebration of the

SILVER JUBILEE

of

Ven. Sister M. Marcella, O.S.F.

Wednesday morning, April eleventh

Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-one

Solemn High Mass at Nine o'clock

Hospital Chapel

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RELACION ESPIRITUAL

Rv. P. Luis Ellacuria, C.M.F.  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Rv. y muy amado P.mio:

Me complace en enviarle un nuevo y cordial saludo y con él una nueva relacion de mi espiritu, que comprendera desde el 23 de Marzo hasta el presente. Como en las anteriores, seguire mi diario, que completare con algunas anotaciones.

MARZO (1951)

23-Viernes Santo. Parece ser que los servicios han resultado muy bien. Bendito sea el Señor! Amen. He terminado la cuenta espiritual. Se anuncio que hoy se tendria Retiro espiritual, pero ha sido tal la informalidad que no se le puede dar ese nombre. Por mi parte he procurado aprovecharme lo mejor que he podido, pasando casi todo el dia en mi celda, para evitar ruidos y distracciones.

24-Sabado Santo. Los servicios parece han resultado muy bien y con solemnidad. Alabado sea el Señor! Amen.

25-Resurreccion! Hoy he tenido la dicha de decir dos Misas. La primera ha sido en Sacred Heart's Convent (L.A.), donde la he dicho por primera vez. Me mostraron aprecio por la musica. Gracias a Dios!

26-Fui a Los Angeles a buscar unos documentos que me hacian falta. Pase tambien por el Sto. Noviciado con intencion de conversar con el P. Director; pero me dijeron que estaba muy cansado, y no me parecia bien molestarle. Pedi al M.R.P. la renovacion de mis Licencias para predicar y confesar a los individuos de la Congregacion. Me las concedio ilimitadas para siempre.

30-Reanudamos las clases nuevamente.

ABRIL

17-Fui con otros PP. al Noviciado para recibir al Rmo. P. General. Me han impresionado mucho su franqueza, sencillez y amabilidad.

23-Se ha dispensado la segunda mitad de la primera clase de la mañana, para prepararnos a recibir al Rmo. P. General en su visita al Colegio. Vacacion lo restante del dia. Por la tarde ha habido en su honor una pequeña velada de una hora. Muy bien por los Srs. Estudiantes. Luego el Rmo. P. dijo unas palabras en Ingles, afirmando que se encontraba feliz entre nosotros. Y que creia que así como en la primera centuria habia sido el triunfo y expansion de la Congregacion en los paises

latinos, esta segunda seria en los países sajones. Espera mucho de esta Provincia.

En vez de lectura espiritual, el Rmo. P. hablo a los Padres y Hermanos unas palabras de presentacion.

24-El Rmo. P. hablo a los PP. y HH. durante toda la hora de meditacion. El punto central de sus comentarios ha sido la pobreza. Ataco ciertos defectos de administracion y otros cometidos en el uso del dinero. Su pensamiento en resumen fue: -Todo lo que se gaste y se reciba debe # constar en los libros. Nada se debe gastar sin permiso del Superior. -Se monstro sorprendido por la frescura con que algunos PP. hacian uso del dinero. Tuvimos vacacion durante el dia.

25-Lo mismo que ayer el Rmo. P. ocupo con su charla amena el tiempo de la meditacion. Recalco algunas ideas dichas ayer sobre la pobreza; pero sus consideraciones recayeron especialmente sobre el recato del Misionero. Advirtio los peligros de salir los Padres fuera de casa sin el habito clerical, y vestidos de cualquier manera. Eso es muy expuesto para la castidad... Y ademas, las almas piden y esperan otra cosa del Misionero. Ridiculizo tambien otros defectos que ya corrigen las Stas. Constituciones, como el fumar, el cruzar las piernas al estar sentado...

Por la tarde pase por su cuarto, y estuve con el un buen rato, como unos cinco cuartos de hora. Aprobo mis planes de estudio que antes aprobaba el M. R. P. Provincial, y me dijo que "ello es cosa de Dios, que siga adelante con ello, que hara mucho bien a la Congregacion y a esta Provincia". Me echo una indirecta sobre nombrarme prefecto de Estudiantes... trate de escusarme.

Me dijo tambien que alguien le habia notificado de que yo no tomaba parte en las reuniones que los PP. suelen tener con bastante frecuencia por las noches en la biblioteca, en las cuales comen, beben, cantan... a veces con no mucha edificacion de los que les pueden oír. Quiso que le explicara como era eso, y el porque yo no atendia o tomaba parte. Le dije claramente las razones, que son: -1) Porque las Stas. Constituciones prohiben comer y beber fuera de hora. -2) Porque he conocido que Dios quiere de mi este sacrificio, y tengo aprobacion expresa de mi P. Director. -3) Porque el modo de tales reuniones a veces no me parece muy religioso. Despues de exponerle estas y otras razones, le pregunte por tres veces que conducta habia de seguir en lo futuro. Y las tres me contesto que no tenia obligacion ninguna de asistir, y que no fuera a ellas. Sali muy complacido de su amabilidad, comprension y vastas miras.

26-El Rmo. P. hablo esta manana del recato del Sacerdote en palabras y acciones. Hay frases y chistes que no deben ser dichos por el Hijo del C. de Maria.

27-El Rmo. P. hablo por la manana a los PP. y HH. de lo que debe ser el Hijo del C. de M. Dijo y explico como su vida debe ser: Comun, Ejemplar y Espiritual. Esta ultima platica la dió escrita en latin como recuerdo de su visita al Colegio. Con permiso del P. Superior he sacado para mi uso una copia del original que esta en el libro de Actas de las Visitas. -Por la tarde la despedimos. Fui con otros PP. a acompañarle hasta el Noviciado.



MAYO

- 1-He prometido a N.Madre,durante el mes que comenzamos,hacerle una visita especial cada dia,y procurar dominar mis nervios,monstrandome siempre,especialmente en clase,paciente,humilde y amable.
- 6- Celebramos el Santo del Rmo.P.General. Vino al Seminario para la comida. La cena en su honor la tuvimos en el Noviciado. Fue una reunion verdaderamente fraternal. En unas plabras que el Rmo.P.nos dirigio al final del agape,alabo el buen espiritu que anima a nuestra Juventud americana. Bromeando con él despues en el patio,fue echando ciertas indirectas a algunos padres con relacion a su futuro. Al llegar a mi, dijo: "Fr.Gallego is always serious,quiet and peaceful; he is good for Dominguez. Fr.Gallego in Dominguez".Fiat voluntas Dei!
- 9- Como el P. Gago no tenia quien lo acompañara a Los Angles,para arreglar el asunto de su inmigracion,quise acompañarle su servidor. Siento no haberle podido ayudar como era mi proposito,por haberme prohibido el Policia que lo acompañara durante el examen. Al llegar al Consulado Español,el Sr.Consul arreglo para que fuéramos a comer a su casa. Accedimos,despues de notificar al P. Superior por telefono.
- 13-Dos Misas y dos sermones.
- 14-El P.Gago quiso que le acompañara a un paseo,que habia de durar medio dia;pero que duro todo el dia. Lo hice mas por caridad que por gusto. Fuimos cuatro. Y quiso el Señor que lo pasáramos buena y santamente. Deo gratias!
- 23-Fin de las clases. Di a los discipulos de Filosofia las razones de algunos de mis proceder en la clase. Les pedi nuevamente perdon por mis disparates y por las molestias que les podia haber causado. Y les prometí ofrecer una de las tres Misas que tenemos libres a intencion del Curso,en el dia que quisieran escoger. Me dijeron que el lunes,28.
- 24-Corpus Christi. Esta mañana hice una confesion para ir a decir la Sta. Misa con mayor pureza. Tuvimos hermosa procesion con el Señor. Alabado sea!
- 25-Retiro espiritual.
- 27-Dos Misas y dos sermones. Al salir de decir la primera Misa,se me acerco una Señora a quien nunca habia visto,ni hablado y me dio un dolar para que dijera una Misa a mi intencion. El P.Superior me lo ha concedido.
- 28-La Misa de hoy ha sido por las intenciones de mis Discipulos de Metafisica. A las 8'30 a.m. examen de Metafisica. El resto del dia lo he pasado corrigiendo los papeles. Siento tener que bajar la nota a algunos discipulos.
- 29-Exámenes de Latin. Antes de la Lectura Espiritual he terminado todo lo referente al curso escolar. Deo gratias et Mariae!



JUNIO

- 2- Hoy ha terminado el curso con la Misa cantada y el Te Deum.
- 3- Hoy han venido al Colegio algunas personas conocidas. Yo no se que me pasa. Fuera de las obligaciones ministeriales, me hallo mas inutil cada dia para mantener conversacion con personas extrañas. Me han ofrecido ir a vacaciones a las montañas para donde los Estudiantes salen mañana. Prefiero descansar aquí en el Colegio.
- 4- Los Señores Estudiantes y algunos PP. han salido para las montañas. Los demas Padres salieron de paseo despues de comer. Yo me quede en casa para descansar.
- 5- He dicho Misa de graduacion en Marywood High (Anahain). Me felicitaron las Jovenes por ~~la~~ pronunciacion del Latin en la Sta. Misa. Asistí con ellas al desayuno, presidiendo la mesa, y me lleve muy buena impresion de ~~la~~ moderacion y recato. La escuela es de las Hermanas de la Providencia.
- 6- Uno de la Comunidad me ha hecho poner un poco nervioso con una pequena impertinencia. He rogado a Jesus y a la Madre por él y por mí.
- 7- Por la tarde fui a nuestra Casa de Soledad acompañando a otro Padre. Allí me ofrecio el P. Superior un sermón de compromiso, que no acepte por no saber si estare aquí para aquel día. Visitamos a la organista de nuestra Iglesia que se halla a las puertas de la muerte. Sali muy impresionado de su resignacion y paciencia y de su devocion a la Sma. Madre. Como lloraba de emocion, cuando al entrar en su casa, el P. Urrutia comenzo a tocar en el piano la plegaria "Estrella de los mares.!" Despues ella misma pidio a dicho padre que la tocara nuevamente y se la cantara con su hermosa voz.
- 9- Para completar esta Relacion espiritual creo oportuno hacer las siguientes observaciones:
  - 1) Las tentaciones contra la castidad no me han molestado mucho fuera de unas semanas en Mayo.
  - 2) Las distracciones no me dejan en paz en la oracion.
  - 3) En el Oficio me combaten mucho las distracciones. En la Sta. Misa lo hacen a veces, pero en ella, gracias al Señor, me siento mas fervoroso y atento.
  - 4) He tenido que hacer bastantes actos de conformidad con la voluntad de Dios y de abandono en sus divinas manos a fin de no dejarme vencer de dos tentaciones opuestas:
    - a) De apego a empleos o cargos y lugares, con temor de que me quiten los PP. Superiores los que ahora tengo. Este ciertamente que es del diablo, porque me quita la paz y santa indiferencia, porque mis talentos no me hacen digno de estar donde estoy, &c. &c. &c.
    - b) Terrible desaliento, abatimiento moral inimaginable, al que a veces acompañan tentaciones contra la vocacion misionera... al verme y sentirme tan inutil e incapaz fisica, moral y espiritualmente. Desearia entonces dar de mano a los cargos que tengo y que mal desempeño, marchar del Colegio y de esta Nacion, e ir a Misiones o entrar en una Cartuja o una Trapa para hacer lo unico que puedo hacer aunque mal: Orar.

Cualquiera de estas dos tentaciones que sienta, produce en me espíritu un estado verdaderamente doloroso. Ni orar es casi posible. Solo hacer actos de resignación, abandonarme enteramente en los brazos de Jesús y María, pedir misericordia, y tratar de distraerse... es viable y eficaz. Y el buen Jesús y la Madre hacen que desaparezcan estos nubarrones espesos y vuelva la paz; aunque a veces no sucede esto sino después de uno, dos, tres o más días.

- 5) La presencia de Dios, no ha sido en esta temporada tan íntima y continua como yo deseo y debo procurar.
- 6) La salud corporal no es aun perfecta.
- 7) En los ratos libres he procurado descansar, estudiar Inglés y escribir composiciones.  
Ahora procuro también sacar algunos ratos para estudiar además Filosofía y Mística.

Aquí concluyo hoy pidiéndole me dispense, ruegue por mí y me bendiga una vez más de todo corazón.

Hare lo posible por estar ahí para recibir sus consejos, el Martes o el Miércoles de la semana próxima.

Siempre adictísimo h. en Jesús María y José

*José Gallego a. h. f.*

(Dominguez-Septiembre, 18-1950)

Rv.P. Luis Ellacuría, C.M.F.

Los Angeles, Calif.

Carísimo P. y Director de mi alma en Jesús y María:

Como hoy se nos han dispensado las clases, trataré de sacar un rato para darle la 4 relación espiritual, que antes no le he enviado por imposibilidad. Seguiré copiando el diario espiritual hasta la fecha de hoy, y la completaré con algunas anotaciones que crea oportunas.

JULIO

- 17)-Por la tarde fui nuevamente al Doctor y después de examinarme nuevamente, me pusieron 4 inyecciones en los brazos: tres en el izquierdo y una en el derecho, y me mandó que volviera el día 24. Terminé la cuenta espiritual.
- 18)-Comencé hoy a dar las clases de Latín. Me causa gran pena tener que ver la conducta exterior tan material y humana de varios individuos de la Comunidad, especialmente de tres de los Padres. ¿Qué pena que sean religiosos, Sacerdotes e Hijos del C. de María! Los conozco. Pobres almas... pobre Gloria de Dios... pobre queridísima Madre Congregación... En adelante rogaré más y con mayor fervor por esos Misioneros Hermanos míos... por las almas... y por tí Madre mía Congregación... Y pediré también para que el Sr. y el C. de María, mi tierna Madre, se libren siempre de esa desgracia inmensa de la inobservancia y me hagan un verdadero santo, copia exacta de mis Stas. Constituciones!.. Amen.
- 20)-He encontrado un nuevo medio de mortificarme en el refectorio: el tomar el agua con jugo de limón sin azúcar. Ya lo he practicado dos veces. Vivan Jesús y María!.. Amen.
- 21)-El apredizaje de "driving" me causa bastantes mortificaciones del amor propio. ¡Gracias, Dios mío!
- 25)-Recibí una carta del M.R.P. Provincial, en que me mandaba ir a hablar con él. Fui: me encomendó todas las clases de Latín del verano. Me inculcó les hiciera traducir el discurso que el Sto. Padre pronunció en la Canonización del P. Fundador. Me aprobó todos los proyectos sobre espiritualidad, y me dejó en libertad para ir a estudiar al Noviciado cuando quisiera... Tuve luego una larga conversación espiritual con el Directo espiritual-P. Ellacuría- Me volvió a recomendar simplificar la vida espiritual.....
- 26)-Fui nuevamente al Doctor y me pusieron tres inyecciones...
- 29)-Hoy dirigiendo el auto tuve un accidente: Al dar una vuelta, un policía



chocó con la moto en nuestro carro; pero evadió la muerte. A mí nada me impresionó lo ocurrido. No fue nada especial. Bendito sea Jesús! Amén.

31)-Fui al Doctor y me pusieron una inyección... No ha cesado el Espíritu Santo de inspirarme su voluntad:-pequeñas mortificaciones en las comidas, mortificaciones de la curiosidad en ver, oír o decir algo...Hacer lo habitual mejor hecho...Siento mucha dificultad en hacer bien la Oración. Hoy sobre todo.

## AGOSTO

2)-Me he sentido interiormente inclinado a hacer algunas mortificaciones pequeñas:-No ver y decir algo que me gustaba, condescender con los deseos de otros hermanos, en las comidas no tomar algo que necesitaba o retardar el tomarlo, rezar gran parte del Breviario de rodillas, ir al P. Superior y decirle varias cosas que me daban reparo..Hacer visitas más frecuentes a Jesús en el Sagrario, y a la Madre...A todas estas inspiraciones he procurado corresponder con fidelidad, aunque a algunas de ellas no muy presto. Jesús, María y José me perdonen y me den gracia para corresponder con mayor fidelidad a sus deseos! Amén.

La lectura de "Anales" siempre me causa profunda y grata impresión y a veces me llega hasta emocionar. Así me pasó ayer y hoy al leer en mi celda lo relativo a la canonización de N.Sto.Fundador, los discursos del Papa y del P.General y algunos de los telegramas de diversos personajes. Que ideas más clara y exacta de la sublime y supernatural grandeza de la amadísima Congregación! Mil veces benditos J., M., J. y N.S. Padre por haberme hecho miembro de ella! Aunque indigno me considero feliz, predestinado! No existe cosa más grande que un hijo del C.de Maria... Cristo viviente!!

3)-Inspirations as yesterday, more or less: some little mortifications... and callings to more interior recollection.

4)-I went to say Mass to the Carmelite Sisters at Wilmington. It caused me a little trouble the omission of the 'Credo'. I thought it came from the devil. In the afternoon I went to Compton to take again my driving test and I was flonked. Laus Deo! The police talléd me that I was not careful enough at the crossing-roads, and that my turns were too sharp: exactly the contrary as in the first test. It caused me very little spiritual trouble. The world is under my feet, and I am ready to go back again one of the following days. The Fathers and the Students have had a lot of fun at this. And have had it too. I have enjoy much these two my falls. God gives me occasions for humiliations, but I think they are little profitable for me, because I do not care at all for the things other think and say about me. Besides this, I went carefully to look for the true causes of all, and here they are:-I am anxious for the licenses, because I want to be able of running after the souls, and for the fulfilment of my apostolic duties, without molesting anybody. And I am convinced that the devil do not like it. I was asure of this by a deep impression I felt before Jesus and Mary. But at the same time, I was a little proud of my hability in driving that many had praised. Thus I repeat deeply grateful:-"Bonum mihi, Domine, quia humiliasti me"!!! These I think might be the causes of my downfall. May be this is why Fr.Superior talléd me that such little mistakes as the ones I committed

in the test are not enough to flunk, and that some other motives might be in between.

But I am not afraid of any creature. My owner is God Himself. And I will do everything for his Glory, at disspite of all his enemies and mine. I trust entarely in Him, in Mary...and in my dear Guardian Angel to whom I started to pray for the complete triumph on this battle. -They will help me! Amen.

- 6 to 15)-I have not written down my impressions during these days, because I have been tired, busy and kind of careless. This morning-about 5'30 I went to Wilmington to say Mass at 6 and 7. After it I was back in time to attend the ordination of the five new Priest...It impresed me much reviving the feelings and ideas of a year ago. There are in this Mass several things that excited emotion in my heart: the giving of the Holy Spirit and that of the two powers...and the singing of that words of Jesus: "Jam non dicam vos servos, sed amicos meos....". The reminding of these words causes me wonderful impresions all the time.
- 16)-The newly ordained Priests said their first Masses this morning. It was for me a great grace and happiness to accompany two of them at the altar. I felt nice impresions in my soul.
- 17)-I went out for a picnic with three of the newly ordained and some others. I felt very deep impression contemplating the sublime greatness of the Ocean... I had time to do it because in honor and respect to the purity I have renounced to go swimming. It is for me a sacrifice because I like it, and it is bigger sacrifice at some occasions when going with others they invite me to swim. Some times they become surprised, but I tell them that I like more the shower...And I am very deeply impressed seeing the matteralistic and human life of so many souls...May God have mercy on them, and Mary as well!
- 19)-Hasta las once de la noche paselo escribiendo en borrador parte del sermon que habia de predicar al dia siguiente sobre el Sacerdocio.
- 20)-Dije la Sta. Misa en Watts a las 7. A las 10 comenzo la Misa del nuevo P. A. Gago, en que se vi de Subdiacono. En varias ocasiones me expresaron sus simpatias por lo mucho que les gusto la Epistola mozarabe que canté. A las 11'15 salí con otros para la Soledad a hacer de Diacono en la Misa del P. Casado que comenzo a las 12 dadas. De muchas partes he recibido enhorabuena por el sermón que me dijeron habia durado como 25 minutos. El tema fue "La dignidad sacerdotal" aplicado al momento y vida del nuevo Sacerdote. Benditos por todo y siempre Jesús y María, que Ellos lo hacen todo! Tan repetidas albanzas no dejaban de causar alguna impresion en la parte inferior, aunque trataba de rechazarla rectificando la intencion.
- 21)-Salí con los PP. Gago y Casado a comprar algunos objetos que necesitaban. No me agradan tales salidas; pero lo hice por caridad. Comimos en los Angeles. No se que me pasa; pero prefiero comer pan y agua en casa con mas gusto que un banquete fuera. Y no es que me duela gastar lo que se necesita generosamente; es un sentirse como descentrado. Aun yendo a casas amigas me pasa eso.
- 22)-Salí con el P. Casado a hacer unas visitas de agradecimiento a sus



Padrinos y a algunas otras personas. Ha sido ello una mortificación, pero lo hice por amor de hermano. El Sr. nos dio una tarde feliz. En la Soledad nos dio el P. Superior pastel como merienda. Me sentí decidido a no tomarlo, pero al fin lo hice por compromiso.; J., M. y J. se perdonen!

- 23) -Por la tarde hube de salir con la familia Bartlett a tomar la cena de despedida del Hijo y de los dos nuevos Sacerdotes españoles. Fue santamente alegre.; Qué alas tan buenas las de las dos hermanas monjas.!. Luego llevamos al P. Gago a la estación, y le dimos el adiós fraternal.
- 24) -Por compromiso con el Sr. Cónsul de España, fui con otros cuatro Padres a las Fiestas de Sta. Barbara. No fui al banquete, como el quiso. Asistimos sólo a las danzas españolas. El santo amor a la Patria recibió nueva inyección de vida. Pero así y todo, juzgué aquel día casi perdido, y sentía con frecuencia el vacío de la vida recogida del Colegio. Sentí también un poco el no haber podido ir a despedir al P. Casado... Pero Dios lo dispuso y permitió así.; Bendito sea! Amén.
- 25) -Comencé hoy a rezar algunas devociones especiales y a procurar mayor recogimiento en orden a prepararme para los Ejercicios Espirituales.
- 27) -Esta mañana hice la meditación sobre las enseñanzas del S.P. Fundador en el cap. 36 de la 1ª part. de Colegial Instruido. A las 8'15 comenzaron los Ejercicios.

--Ejercicios Espirituales

-Director: P. Frison. --Patrones: S. Ignacio, Sta. Teresa y el P. Fundador.

- 28) -Por las meditaciones 1 y 2 y la 1ª plática de ayer he visto más claro como uno de los puntos cardinales de la perfección es el vivir consciente del significado de "Creatura".
- A media noche me despertó varias veces un dolor bastante fuerte en la pierna izquierda desde la rodilla hasta el muslo. Aunque cojeando Jesús y María me dieron gracia para seguir la Comunidad en todos los actos. Lo sufrí por amor a Jesús y a María.; Benditos sean!
- 29) -Al acostarme froté la pierna dolorida con alcohol, y esto fue peor. Al poco rato de estar en cama me vino tan fuerte dolor que no podía moverme. Fue una noche de martirio... No pude levantarme por la mañana. Llamé al Hermano que despertaba y me trajo un unguento con el que, después de unas horas, comencé a sentirme aliviado. No pude decir Misa ni rezar el Oficio; las dos cosas, pero sobre todo la primera, me apenaron; pero lo ofrecí todo a Jesús y María. Casi todos los Padres han pasado hoy por mi cuarto a visitarme.; Dios y la Madre se lo recompensen con largueza!
- 30) -Me levanté por la mañana a ver si podía moverme, lo necesario al menos para decir la Sta. Misa, pero hube de volver a la cama. Durante las horas de cama quise leer algún libro doctrinal para distraerme y meditar pero no me hacía bien. Comencé pues, a leer la vida de Rosa Ferron, "She wears a crown of thorns", de la que había antes de ahora leído algo, y he pasado con ella mis horas de víctima. Como ella, todo lo he procurado sufrir con Jesús, y por Jesús, las almas y los Misioneros... Al leer como el Sr. le había una de sus manos al tomar agua bendita,

curado



me sentí movido a pedir a Jesús que me quitara aquel dolor, a lo menos hasta que pudiera moverme, para seguir la Comunidad en los Ejercicios. Sentí muy viva fe y un repentino mejoramiento, pero al tratar de moverme para levantarme no pudo todavía. Pero como a las once vino el estudiante que me traía lo necesario-Dios se lo pague-y me dijo a ver si podía levantarme para ir al Doctor. Me levanté aunque con dolor; pero al poco rato podía moverme bien. El estudiante volvió a los pocos minutos diciéndome que habrís de esperar a mañana, que el Doctor no estaba hoy en la Clínica. Pero no volví a la cama, porque pude seguir bien la Comunidad.

No creo que ello fuera cosa extraordinaria, porque creo eran reumas, que ya tuve años pasados, y además me hizo muy bien la medicina que asiqué: pero J.M. y J. la ayudaron.; Benditos sean por siempre! Amén.

Pensando en lo que pudiera ser causa de dolor tan fuerte y repentino, se me ha ocurrido:-Fruto del cambio de tiempo, del que J., M. y J. se han servido para castigar algún abuso en salir de casa en estas últimas semanas con detrimento de la vida de oración...y para llamarme a mayor vida interior y a mayor recogimiento y mortificación.

31)-Sigue la cojera. Pero cada vez menos dolor...-Debo procurar mas pureza de corazón y más recogimiento interior.

#### SEPTIEMBRE

1)-Fin de los Ejercicios espirituales. Podríamos llamarlos "ejercicios de dolor". Laus Deo, V.M.!...

Propósitos:-a)-Llevar el cilicio todos los días hasta la una de la tarde.

b)-Poner más atención a las voces interiores del Espíritu Sto., como me lo tienen dicho el P.D. Espiritual.

c)-Si el P. Director me lo permite, confesarme dos o tres veces por semana, a fin de lograr mayor pureza de corazón.

Por falta de tiempo, suspendo aquí esta relación que se va haciendo demasiado larga, para continuarla-D.v.-en un día próximo. Le agradecería el permiso para llevar a la práctica los propósitos: a) y b). Y así mismo le suplico me siga encomendando en sus fervorosas oraciones y a las de esos buenos Novicios, para que logre cumplir con mayor perfección cada día la Voluntad Santa de Jesús y del C. Inmaculado de la dulcísima Madre.

En Ellos me reitero de V.R. affmo. y obediente H.

Joseph Gallego c. h. f.



## *Claretian Missionaries*

*Provincial House*

*1119 Westchester Pl.*

*Los Angeles 6, California*

Count on me always as your true friend who wishes your true happiness, the salvation of your immortal souls.

Pardon my uttermost sincerety with you, my dear friends.

Always your friend,

Fr. Aloysius Ellacuria C.M.F.

SAINT AGNES HOSPITAL  
1451 ROEDING AVENUE  
FRESNO, CALIF.

Sister M. Merwina  
St. Mary's Convent  
Notre Dame, Indiana.



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## Watson Family.

James Watson (father.)

Rosanna Sturman Watson (mother)

1. David George Watson

Bell { Margaret Mary W. Bell  
Pressley Willhoit Bell.  
Alberta Audrey Bell Warren

Talbott { 3. Euphemy Jane W. Talbott  
James Talbott  
Lolita Gwendolyn Talbott

Donahue { 4. Maybelle Claire W. Donahue  
Joseph William Donahue  
La Verne Donahue Marland  
Jaque Joyce Donahue

5. Thomas James Watson, Sr.

Bernadette Martin Watson

Thomas James Watson, Jr.

David Le Roy Watson

I.J. Watson Family { Anna Louise Watson

William Clifford Watson

Carlos Richard Watson

Joann Frances Watson

Daniel Martin Watson

George Donald Watson

6 William Ira Watson

7 Carlos Clifford Watson

(over)



8 Hazel Agnes W. Crandall  
Crandall Ralph Emerson Crandall  
James Watson Crandall  
9 Lolita Anna Watson

86 477. Ives  
Hawthorne, Col.

Dear Father Augustus,

I am writing this  
to let you know of the  
wonderful happenings  
you have brought into  
our home, not only my  
Leo's eye being so much  
better but spiritually.

Leo & I have been receiving  
Holy Communion every day  
and what a difference it

has made in our lives. Since  
I can't walk the way I used to  
I have been going to Mass only on  
Sundays & holidays but since  
Les drove the car I can go now.  
All thanks be to God and your  
kindness. You see Father, while  
Les was in the hospital he  
started making the nine Fridays  
he got home just a day or so before  
the ninth one. (He had a hard  
time fasting & making them in the  
hospital) I called the priest in  
Hawthorne, explained just how  
it was & asked to have Holy  
Communion brought to the home  
however they are very busy and  
refused to do so. We had to put  
Les in a wheel chair & take him  
to a Church where there were no  
steps etc. He made his ninth  
Friday but something happened  
& he didn't have the same <sup>the</sup> fervor.  
He felt that the priest should  
have come. anyway. he is his

old self again & I wanted  
you to know, I couldn't  
tell you this, & please don't  
mention it. I hope that  
there will be some way  
that Leo can keep in  
touch with you because  
we all need spiritual  
advice & our parents are  
too overworked to even  
visit ~~and~~ <sup>some</sup> of our disabled.  
With prayers & all good  
wishes. I am

Respectfully, yours  
Anne Towers



+  
J.M.J.  
SISTERS OF THE HOLY CROSS  
1920 SOUTH BRONSON AVENUE  
LOS ANGELES 18, CALIFORNIA

Jan. 2, 1952

Dear Father Aloysius,

My heartfelt thanks to you once more for the great work of mercy that you performed on New Year's Day. Mother has been so much more quiet since you visited and gave her all those blessings of God and His Mother. When I went to her today it brought such peace to my heart to see her so submissive and contented and I beg you to keep her in your good prayers so that this disposition will continue to the end.

I am wondering if the end is closer than I realize for it seems so strange that my brother got home from Alaska last week and that my sister came from Hawaii today. I did not send for either of them and both are shocked at her appearance and condition. May God's holy Will be done.

Sister M. Noel and I are making a Novena to the Kings to take our mothers by Jan. 6th, God willing, of course or at least to give them the grace to bear with their infirmities and surroundings.

Today, mother said to me, "My but that was a nice priest you brought to see me yesterday." God bless you, Father and know that I am praying for you daily.

Sincerely in the Holy Cross,

*Sister Mary Eugene*

January 3, 1951

Dear Father Aloysius,

Very definitely, Father, you are the instrument that God is using to change me into — well, shall I say, another person. Four years now since the awful tragedy in my life and the change since then is really incredible. You will never know my gratitude to you and, I can honestly say that no one, not even my parents, is dearer to me than Father Aloysius. Only through you have I found my God!

It was in the presence of the

Blessed Sacrament, on Christmas Day,  
that I read your letter of Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>,  
and as I pondered over each line  
and phrase, there came to me great  
peace of soul and an unusual  
nearness to Jesus before me.

It was just as though He had  
written all! The letter must  
have been from Him! He was  
so very, very, close and He seemed  
to <sup>be</sup> asking me for a complete  
abandonment to Love.

The desire of abandoning myself to Him  
has been steadily increasing ever  
since my August retreat and when  
trials come I have, almost  
immediately, recognized them  
as special gifts from God.

If only I could suffer in a manner



pleasing to Him! I feel so poor and weak, so incapable of ever doing anything great but, Father, I am determined to surrender myself, body and soul, up to His Love.

You recommended the book, "The Way of Divine Love" and, fortunately, this book was given to me as a Christmas gift. Just another indication that your letter was really from my precious Jesus. You see, Father, He even sent the book! Isn't He wonderful and oh, so good to me?

Yes, I shall try to set aside trifles and all that seems frivolous so as to free myself from

all obstacles that could hinder me from reaching the goal that you have set for me.

To make the spirit of Sister Josefa my very own is, indeed, a great task but, since you have asked it, I shall endeavor to achieve this end, however, I'm going to need your prayers. With all my heart, I want to do it.

Please don't wait so long before you write again. Your letters always effect such a wonderful change in me. Thank you, Father, for all your letters, and in a special way for the last one.

Please pray for

Your spiritual daughter in Christ,  
Sister Mary Virginia

Ayer estuvo el tío Toré aquí. Hablamos de muchas cosas pero como siempre concluimos hablando de ti. Puedes creer que eres el sitio donde descansa toda la familia, y es que te queremos tanto que nuestros recuerdos son siempre tuyos. Muchas veces me pregunto como en tan poco tiempo se pueda llegar a querer tanto como yo te quiero (lo mismo, les pasa a los demás) pero este pensamiento mío, me hace ver al final que es bien poco, aun que no fuese más que por egoísmo y en proporción al bien que nos has proporcionado. Te dan muchos besos papá, mamá, mi hermano y yo con todo nuestro cariño.

Mary Pere

Muchos besos de tu hermana que te quiere

Hijolita



MOTHER HOUSE  
SISTERS OF CHARITY OF LEAVENWORTH  
XAVIER, KANSAS

Feast of the Holy Epiphany  
January 6, 1951

Reverend Aloysious Ellacuria, C.M.F.  
1119 Westchester Place  
Los Angeles 6, California

Reverend and dear Father:

Greetings on Little Christmas! Today I have written to Miss Haver to tell her that her application for entry into our Novitiate has been accepted, subject, of course to the proper removal of the existing impediment, because of her marriage.

I want you to know Father, that I am very grateful for your help and advise in the consideration of Miss Haver's application. As I state to her, further documents may be necessary from me to take care of presenting the case to Rome, if so, and she will have them prepared and sent on to me I will be happy to cooperate.

May I tell you too, that we were able to get a Priest, the Reverend William Kelley, a Jesuit, to give us a series of Conference on the religious life, during our Christmas vacation - the series had hope you might give us. We believe this conference was very helpful to all the Sisters.

Please keep the Sisters of Charity, and our work in your good prayers.

Respectfully yours,

*Mother Mary Ancilla*  
Mother Mary Ancilla

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Bilbao 7 Enero 1951

Mi queridísimo hermano Juan Luis, quisiera que al recibir esta te encuentres disfrutando tu salud con compañía de todos los tuyos. y que tengas un feliz año nuevo, nosotros bien gracias a Dios. y he pasado bronconeumia. y los de mas gripe, las fiestas hemos pasado todo en la cama con la ayuda de gente de fuera. ahora nos encontramos todos bien gracias a Dios.

Lo primero que te digo es, que el día 27 de este mes se casan Rufino y Mari gracias a Dios no definen solos, las niñas cuando vieron tu carta y felicitación se pusieron muy contentas y preguntan cuando vienen por aquí. El asunto de donde estoy trabajando en la casa de los filasos voy muy bien, vea mucha prisa que haga muchos votos y pueda ganar mucho dinero. porque encima del sueldo <sup>que</sup> tengo tanto por ciento de ventos y a te escribire pronto diciendote como voy haciendo clientes. Ana Rita esta muy contenta porque dice que va a tener personal a dormir poniendo 4 camas. asi es que ahora fiere si Dios quiere defenderme mucho mejor que antes y trabajando menos te hira escribiendo mucho mas a menudo aunque soy muy perezoso para escribir. Bueno Juan Luis vea mucho por mi, aqui Marcelina es la que me ayuda mucho. y Juli no me puede quejar. Marcelina siempre asido mi segunda madre y sigue siendo asi es que cuando le escribo de los muchos gracias de mi parte de los de mis no espero nada. Subir Luis mi queridísimo me despido hasta la otra con obago fuerte muchos saludos de mi Ana Rita y besos de los niños. *Marcelina*

Our Lady Academy  
Manteno, Illinois

Sun. Jan - 7 - 51

Reverend Father Aloysius,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

My dear Father:

My very sincere wishes to you  
for this new year; may it bring to  
you abundant Blessings from above  
in your great work of directing so  
many souls confided to you.

Very often my mind wanders over the  
happy years when we had the good  
fortune of having you for our Spiritual  
Director and I can assure you very  
sincerely that we shall never forget  
those happy years.

As you know our dear Mother St.

Engene is back with us again as  
our Superior. She received a very



warm welcome in our community.  
She still is very peaceful and  
tactful in all her dealings with  
the Sisters. I am happy to say that  
her health is much better this year.

I do not recall if I told you that  
I had a better bad heart condition  
last year which compelled me to  
take more rest and teach very little.

I obeyed the orders of my Doctor and  
this year I am a different woman.  
I have not had any attacks for a  
few months. I have recovered my  
strength and I am able to teach  
between 4 1/2 and 5 hrs daily besides  
my duty as sacristan.

Further I want to tell you that  
during those long months of illness  
I never was depressed and each  
day I asked our Dear Lord to give  
me great generosity to do His Holy  
Will according to His Pleasure.  
Mother Eugene was very good to  
me in every way, also my  
new assistant in Music Sisterloysins.

Our Lady Academy  
Manteno, Illinois

I am still working with my  
Spiritual Director. This year the  
subject of my particular examen is  
on Charity. I think it is so  
hard to draw the line where one  
can sin against charity.

Father had one change the aspiration  
Jesus Meek and Humble of Heart -  
for Sweet Heart of Jesus, He Thon  
my Love. I say this with all my  
nursie pupils. My great work this  
year is to try to increase in the  
love of God each day. I have a great  
desire and longing to love my Jesus with  
all my heart trusting in Him that  
this may make up for all my  
many failings.

This year we have a very holy  
Religious to give our conferences on  
our day of Recollection - his name is  
Father Wiatrak S.J. He thinks

that the Religious do not get enough spiritual direction; he is very willing to help us in that line.

Father I have a very special favor to ask you. Would you please remember your old friend Sister Monica in a very special way? I do not know if she corresponds with you but I do know that she is in great need of prayers, so please Father will you storm heaven in this cause?

Sister Medatrix is now stationed at St. Mary Hospital K.K.K. She came to see us during the holidays - she looked better.

Father I am enclosing \$5.00 Mass stipend for my brother who died a year ago. Fred Pilon. I shall <sup>ask</sup> you to sing it whenever it is possible.

Pardon me Father for taking your precious time, this is my yearly chat so I want to say all I can.

Asking you to pray for your old penitent. Beg God that I may advance in love and virtue each day.

Peacefully Yours,  
Sister Margaret Mary.



¿Que quieres decir? "Humores y humorillos" vivas y sin figuras retóricas. Hablame claro y sin figuras retóricas.

San Sebastia An. A 8 de Enero de 1931

Aquí tengo los cargos de secretario local, Jueves Eucarísticos, Sacrista, encargado de la propaganda religiosa, Director de la Cate-

dría, etc. Dos de las novenas las he predicado en San Sebastián, una de ellas en el Buen Pastor, que es como el Misión de Barcelona y después, en

Voy a tomar parte en la gran Misión de Barcelona y después, en

En cuanto a lo que dices de adelantarme a INDICAR

Dentro de pocos días rehuevo mis tareas misioneras.

En lo que atañe a los desengaños, estoy tan profunda-

Fui Delegado de la Provincia de Cantabria al cursilb



¿Que quieres decirme con aquello de "humores y humorcillos"?  
Hablame claro y sin figuras retóricas.

Aquí tengo los cargos de Secretario Local, Jueves Eucarísticos.  
Sacrista, encargado de la propaganda religiosa, Director de la Cate-  
quesis del Santuario del Corazón de María y predicador.

Desde que he sido destinado aquí he predicado 4 novenas, una Misión  
unos Ejercicios cerrados: en Casa, donde casi exclusivamente entran Jesuitas  
etc. Dos de las novenas las he predicado en San Sebastián, una de ella  
en el Buen Pastor, que es como ya sabes la Catedral.

Voy a tomar parte en la gran Misión de Barcelona y después, en  
la de aquí, si Dios quiere. Digo en San Sebastián, donde han de intervenir  
diferentes Congregaciones religiosas.

He estado enfermo y sigo afectado por la enfermedad de la gripe  
hace más de 3 semanas. Ahora te puedo decir que aquello que tu pasaste y  
CÓGISTE EN SAN SEBASTIÁN era BRUFE. Su característica principal, es atacar  
a la garganta, como te atacó a ti. Dios ha querido que a mí me haya cogido  
todavía más fuerte que a ti. De modo que el Señor te libró de dos peligros:  
del tranvía y de la gripe maligna.

Lo del tranvía fué casi efecto de la cabecada de Julías, quien  
advertí y tu lo recordarás que solamente hay que pasar por sitios ya seña-  
lados. Y ahora te digo que me alegro de no haber ido a Roma con Juli y  
Nati, por algo que me han contado de las insolencias de esta última, hasta  
merecer los dictados de grosera, maledicada, etc. Lo peor del caso es  
que en la Sección Femenina, donde me negrinaba, me comocian muchos y el  
come-tario fué: Pero es posible que el P. Elacuria tenga una sobrina tan  
estúpida y poco educada? Ruega para que eche un remiendo en esa cabeza...  
Adiós y hasta cuando Dios lo quiera. Te escribiré pronto con esto.

No te olvides de remitir 15 dollars al P. Codina. Ya sabes que  
para mandarlos debes de incluir un papel negro dentro, hasta que al tras-  
luz no se conozca ni vislumbre nada; de lo contrario, te lo roban.  
Soy tu hermano que siempre te quiere.

Estoy tan profunda-  
mente desengañado que he cesado de personas, de promesas, etc. que algu-  
na vez te daré esta carta que adjunto, aunque la rompí y recogí con el  
fin expreso de remitirla a ti. Para mí estas como otras cartas que me han  
venido tanto del P. Provincial, como de mi anterior Superior P. Barbarin,  
más que indicar cariño e interés por mí, destacan un arrebato de favor que  
dijo y contraproducente, además. He dicho arriba que "el único favor que  
espero de ellos es que se olviden de mí" y que no vuelvan a acordarse de  
mí, sobre todo, para momentos duros y de compromiso. Incluso han querido  
volverme a destinar pero contesté que el destino no me convenía ni a mí,  
ni mucho menos al Gobierno Provincial. En suma, estoy desengañadísimo...  
Y por mi parte, que no espere nadie ni adulaciones ni siquiera cartas...  
Harto he defendido a algunos individuos, hartos los he panegirizado, hartos  
les he sacado las castañas del fuego, para que ahora tengas ganas para más.  
Fui delegado de la Provincia de Cantabria al curso de  
de Misiones reunido en Zarzosa en Octubre, bajo la presidencia del M.R.P.  
Fábregat, quien me nombró DELGADO PROVINCIAL DE CANTABRIA; Pero esto que  
dará en el papel o en proyecto...

1/23/51  
P.S. Your letter was returned  
because I made a mistake  
in the address. I have been  
assigned to C.A.A. in Martins  
Some teaching and Discipline  
of the girls. I'm as happy. Mother St. Eugene  
is my superior. She sends her greetings. — S. J. de C.

Beaserville, Illinois  
January 14<sup>th</sup> 1951.

Reverend and dear Father Aloysius:

At last my great day, when thanks to  
your wise spiritual outlook and direction, I will  
take my Vows as a Spouse of Christ. I have felt  
your prayers, dear Father, throughout my novitiate, and  
am very grateful for them. I know you will be  
happy to know that I shall, God willing, be Professed  
on January 25<sup>th</sup>. I think I am, perhaps, the happiest  
of all your spiritual children. How many times  
have I thanked Divine Providence that directed me  
so miraculously to you, and through <sup>you</sup> to this dear  
Congregation, that I have come to love so much.

I through the leading of my Mistress and  
Reverend Mother Rose Mary, my love of God and the  
desire to serve Him with complete abandonment in  
all that He shall, has become the only thought and  
desire of my life. I am striving with all my heart,  
Father, to empty myself completely of self — which despite  
my efforts seems its ugly head at times, too frequently.

Reverend Mother Rose Mary told me that I  
am to go to Our Lady Academy after Profession to replace  
Sister St. Sebastian who will attend school and receive  
her degree in June. Exactly what I shall be doing  
I do not know at present. I will know my schedule when  
I arrive there on the afternoon of Ceremony day.



I should be very happy if you were close enough to be visited for spiritual direction — direction I feel I shall need very much as I start on my new life as a Professed Religious. Abruptly changing Confessors is difficult most times. I have no desire to intrude on your busy life, Father Aloysius, but may I ask that you please in your charity, write me as soon as it is convenient, from the fullness of your spiritually and divinely inspired knowledge, to guide me in my first steps — as you did when I entered here? I am praying that your heart will be moved in my behalf this one time. I owe all my happiness in finding my true vocation and the servants of the Holy Heart of Mary to you, but be sure that as long as I live to serve the Most Sacred Heart and His Blessed Mother your intentions and Apostolate will be part of my prayers always.

In the Novitiate at the present time <sup>there</sup> are, with myself, thirteen Novices and two Postulants with more in prospect.

Please remember me on the morning of January twenty fifth that I may be worthy to receive in all fullness the gifts of my Divine Spouse. Oh Father who am I that I should be so blessed. I shall never get over the wonder of it.

Yours prayerfully

In the Immaculate Heart of Mary  
Sister Jeanne de Chantal



J. M. J. Jan. 17th 1957

Rev. Aloysius Ballacuria C. M. F.

Rev. Dear Father

Received Your good letter thank

You for all Your good prayers in my behalf I will make many holy hours of Adoration for Father Joseph Mary in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. I know she will take care of him, try to impress on him never to omit saying his office.

The world is in dire need of holy Priests as never before. The Holy Father stresses the need for <sup>it</sup> sanctity in the priesthood.

I will keep him in all my prayers also You and Your charges especially during the holy season of Lent that will be soon here.

I am trying to shake off a cold at present excuse my shaky hand, do take care of Yourself keep well for Your Novices need You I will always pray they will be good holy priests. The world need them more than ever to bring back the hardened sinners

They are having an epidemic of Influenza raging in England and have already reached Ireland they say it is similar to the flu of 1918. I do hope it is not. God help those poor people. they say the death rate is high oh may it never reach our shores. I remember the last one?

Inclosed find Mass offering for my three families' relatives in Ireland please ask Our dear Lord to protect them from this awful malady. my sister and her children are very devout they go to Mass & Holy Communion every day, as well as pray their rosary often. I will ask them to pray for You and Father Joseph Mary my sister make Novenas continually. Don't try to answer this as I know You are kept so very busy.

Thanking You for all Your kindness to me I will send my sister one of the holy Cards. thank You for them they are lovely I shall make a Novena to Your lovely saint for Father J.M.

all my best wishes & prayers for Your success in this holy year. God & many love and keep You near them

Devotedly in Holy Cross

Sister M. Mildreda

Please Father a memento for Fr. Dennis who sent me this offering

Billings 17-1-54  
Juan Luis Illacuna C. M. G.  
Los Angeles

Muy apreciable tío:  
Hace ya tiempo que  
tenia ganas de escribirle, pero muchas veces  
por falta material de tiempo y otras por  
ser un poco perezoso para escribir, es-  
te sido el motivo de no hacerlo.  
Y aprovechando, que mi simpática  
hermana le escribe, pues me he dicho  
yo mismo que yo no quiero ser menos,  
que tengo muchas recuerdos gratos de  
Ud. y no le olvido tan pronto.

Doyle gracias a Dios, por la paz que  
que tengo con el servicio militar,  
pues tengo permisos muy a menudo,  
y bastante largos por cierto, y creo  
que parte de todo esto se lo debo  
a Ud. porque se positivamente de  
que no me deje, ni olvide en sus  
oraciones.

Me que es Ud. tan bueno, queriendo tío  
me tome la libertad de decirle que  
digo cuando por mi, y por todos  
los de casa en general, pero con un  
poco de distinción por mamá, pues  
la pobre lo necesita más que nadie.

por su constante trabajo, y por sus diver-  
sas supermedades.

Las cosas por aqui dicen como si en todo  
algo de trabajo, algo de servicio por parte  
de papá; en una palabra, es un cuando  
Má. futuro.

Esperando, en parte, con testadón, que desista  
para no ser una mala persona, y esperando  
con ansiedad su pronta salida, para recibir  
su aboroso hijo, fuera de la prisión  
que le atormenta.

El hijo, que es un niño de  
alrededor de un año, es un niño  
y oportuno, que me ha dado  
mucho de trabajo, pero me ha dado  
mucho de alegría, y me ha dado  
mucho de amor, y me ha dado  
mucho de esperanza.

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mucho de esperanza.



7. Dilhaw 17-1-51.

R. P.

Juan Luis Villanueva C.H.F.  
Los Angeles

Querido tío

Tu última carta, como todas las tuyas ha llenado de gozo nuestra casa. damos gracias a Dios de que sigas bien y tan encantado de tu Cruz. Nosotros seguimos bien también. Estas fiestas de Navidad favorecieron aún más la unión de la familia ya que nos reunimos todos (excepción de los de Baldacano, se entiende que por la distancia) Papá se acuerda constantemente de ti y no se causa de decir todo lo que te debe y de que tú eres un santo. Continúa en su trabajo de bracer velas. Mamá continúa su buena temporada, aunque claro está, no le faltan alguna molestia que otra, pero soportables a Dios gracias. Mi hermano está disfrutando en casa y desde el 1 de pasado mes, su último permiso militar, ya que al mes que viene y a primeros le licenciarán. Estamos contentos porque por mediación de un amigo Fernando (que conoce al capitán) se ha conseguido que no se incorpore hasta varios días antes de su licencia total. Así que mamá está encantada y llena de optimismo, se ve acompañada por él en la tienda y como mi hermano tiene tan buen carácter se ve orgullosa de él.

Por lo demás todo sigue igual. José agradeció de una forma extraordinaria el aparte que le dedicaste en tu carta. En verdad que es un muchacho excelente y que sus cualidades morales son hoy en día muy poco comunes. Es trabajador, religioso y muy mirado. De esto último estaba un poco preocupada pues me habían dicho que era un roñoso y un tacaño. Pero he visto que es ta razón para mí no cuenta ya que todo le parece poco cuando ha de dedicárselo. Ayer cobró el importe de una intervención y me dijo que lo dedicaba por completo para un regalo mío. Así que también yo estoy contenta y solo pido a las "Benditas Almas" de la familia para



que siga mejorando espiritualmente, y pueda formar  
un hogar cristiano y educar de la misma manera a los hi-  
jos que Dios quiera darme. F.H.D. Todavía no se me puede más cuan-  
do será mi boda, pero quiero perfeccionarme para cuando de  
que si te ruegas por mí espero conseguirlo.

[illegible]



¡Viva Cristo Rey!

SAN SEBASTIAN 18 de Enero de 1951

MISIONEROS HIJOS DEL  
DO. CORAZON DE MARIA  
(PP. CLARETIANOS)

Avenida de Navarra, 1

Teléfono 12.758

R.P. JUAN LUIS DE ELLACURIA. C.M.F.

Mi queridísimo hermano:

Tengo el gusto de mandarte las fotos de Marcelina y Maria. Aunque he estado en Bilbao varias veces y pidiendo las fotos de Poli, Juli y Francisco, unas veces por una cosa y otras por mis prisas, es el hecho de que todavía no puedo mandártelas como estas. A su recibo, te agradeceré que acuses haber llegado a tu poder. Están bien.

En la foto de Marcelina y familia puedes examinar al pequeño Pedrito, quien parece que presenta por ahora la vocación religiosa o, por lo menos, sacerdotal.

Estoy preseleccionado para ir a las Américas, para predicar misiones, durante año y medio o dos años y volver a España, más tarde. La idea es del Rmo. P. General, quien pregunta a los PP. Provinciales de cuántos se podrá disponer. El inconveniente se encuentra en el P. Superior de ésta, a quien se le hace muy doloroso y de máxima extorsión el desprenderse de un individuo del todo dispuesto para cualquier ministerio... Por esto, no puedo cantar victoria, pero, el plan no puede ser más halagueño, como tú puedes suponer.

Angelchu ya es Jefe de Oficina en el Ayuntamiento de Bilbao, a sus 18 años recién cumplidos o para cumplirse y ordena y prepara el trabajo para hombres de 50 años y que llevan en la oficina más de 30 de servicio. Dice que le da vergüenza el tener que mandar a hombres tan respetables.

Mañana mismo salgo de misiones, retrasadas una semana, por la famosa gripe. Después a Barcelona y, en la semana de Pasión, la Misión de San Sebastián, en que, Dios mediante habremos de actuar. Ruega muchísimo por



mi.

Un fuerte abrazo, queridísimo Juan Luis. Noto tus oraciones, sobre todo en temporada de misiones y ahora, siendo tan fundamentales las que voy a dar, lo habré de notar mucho más. Que así sea.

Te quiere y te abraza tu hermano que tanto te recuerda y quiere,

ORIENTE

P.D.: Supongo que tomarías buena nota de lo que te decía de parte del P. Codina, cómo, por motivo de no sé que ocupaciones o actividades, ha hecho un gasto equivalente a 15 dollars. Vale.



U.I.O.C.D.



Benedictine Convent of Perpetual Adoration  
Benedictine Plaza  
Tucson, Arizona

February 3, 1951

Rev. Aloysius Ellacuria,  
Claretian Missionaries,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Reverend Father,

Where shall I ever find words in which to clothe my expression of gratitude for the very precious first class relic which you so generously procured for our Community. This is truly a treasure and I feel confident that your saintly Founder is obtaining very special blessings for us. Will you please convey to your Rev. Father Superior the fervent gratitude of thirty-two Benedictine hearts in Tucson?

At your request, I am keeping the little relic in the Crucifix, which I shall always prize highly, and which will ever be to me a sweet and prayerful remembrance of our grace-giving visit to your Monastery last spring.

The authentic has also been received, and has been carefully filed away.

The Sisters all join me, especially dear Sister M. Clotilda, in thanking you, Reverend Father, for the treasured relic, as also for the relic-pictures of your Blessed Founder, which they have received with joy and appreciation. The assurance of our grateful prayers is the best we have to offer you in return. May Jesus Himself be our gift of gratitude to you!

May I take this occasion, dear Reverend Father, to recommend to your memento a sacra the proceedings of our coming General Chapter to take place within a few weeks, so that all the decisions may redound to God's greater glory and the good of souls?

Kneeling for your priestly blessing in behalf of the community, I beg to remain,

Yours most respectfully in our Lord,

*Mother M. Thadildis, O.S.B.*

*St. Patrick Academy*

*Momence, Illinois*

J. M. J.

February 12, 1951.

Rev. Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.,  
Immaculate Heart Novitiate,  
Los Angeles, California.

Rev. dear Father:

Though the intention and the desire to write to you have been present for many weeks, the time and the opportunity to do so have been lacking. I scarcely know where to begin. So much has happened during the past months.

Your letter of December 5 was a source of much sorrow. I felt that you did not understand - this, however, seems to be the case with everyone with whom I have been dealing. I am convinced now that God has permitted all of this for some purpose. Your little note on your Christmas card was reassuring. I did as you suggested - devoted the time of Advent to prayer and meditation. I spoke to Father Wiatrak, the Jesuit who comes for our monthly conference as you suggested.

Father was most understanding and most helpful. I had a long talk with him and when I left the confessional, my soul was filled with a deep peace and great happiness. Father told me definitely that this was the night of the soul; that God was pleased with me, even though I felt He was not; that this was a precious grace God was sending me and that I would come out of it with a deeper degree of prayer. I told Father of the summer of 1948 when you had told me God had granted me the grace of acquired contemplation and Father told me that I still had it. I thought I had long since lost it - but Father told me that such was not the case. He told me to be passive in God's hands, not to fight against the things which had been upsetting me so much, to accept, to bend my will to that of God, and to permit Him to act in my soul. He said it was all perfectly clear to him - that I myself could not see it but that this was all a part of the suffering of the night of the soul. With this deep peace and joy of soul, my Christmas was one of great peace also, as well as the entire holiday season.

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As you can well imagine, however, this did not last too long. The early part of January we had council meeting on a Saturday, I believe. We had a full day session and at the close of our meeting or shortly after, I learned that Father Moisant had been at the hospital nearly all day. He would not permit the Sisters to disturb Mother St. Claire to let her know that he was there. I went in to greet Father and had a few words with him with his father and Mother St. Claire present in the room. Father asked me a question which I answered. From my answer, I believe that Father misjudged me and concluded that I had been guilty of something which I had not. I asked to speak to him alone for a few moments as I wished to clear up the question. Father became very severe, reproached me harshly and said he didn't care to listen to anything I had to say. He refused absolutely to see me. I asked for his blessing and then withdrew from the room for I could not control myself. I went to the chapel and cried and cried. I cried the greater part of the next day as well. I could not believe that Father could be so cruel. I thought he would call for me before I left the hospital but he did not. He was at the hospital a couple of weeks later when I also happened to be there but I did not see him then either. God had even more suffering in store for me. Father Wiatrak returned for our January day of recollection. Imagine my surprise when I wished to speak to Father in the confessional when I saw that Father did not wish to talk to me. His time was limited, it was ~~time~~ - then when he did tell me to go ahead and speak, I could say nothing. You can imagine my reaction to all of this.

Physically, for some time, things have been much worse. The doctor has written to Rev. Mother urging ~~me~~ to give me a regime which would give me more rest. Frankly, Father, as I think I have told you in some previous letters, at times I really wondered if I were losing my mind. I have never suffered from my Sisters as I have this year. The doctor has reassured me that my mind is perfectly clear and that I have nothing to fear therefrom. He told me the last time I saw him that it would be strange if with the things I have had to contend and my physical condition, I did not react as I have. I have gone to pieces, literally as well as actually, Father, many times. Everything I have to do is more than I can take. Misunderstandings,



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difficulties, censures, blame, physical suffering and intense keen moral suffering have been present with me almost constantly. One day this week, I was struck during my meditation with the fact that during the Agony in the Garden, our dear Lord showed Himself as a man "broken in spirit as well as in body." It seemed to me that I suffered that all day. It did not seem possible to add to the cup of sorrow I endured that day.

During this past week, we had our three day retreat for our high school girls. This year, we had another Jesuit, Father Erpenbeck, who gave our conferences to the Sisters one year. I spoke to Father, too, about all of this and about some of the difficulties existing in the house which seem more than I can take. Father, too, assured me that it was God Who was sending all of this and Who would in His own good time, straighten out all. He, too, told me that God was pleased with me and ~~he~~ he urged me to offer all and suffer all that good might come to the community through it.

I feel, Father, as though I have been reduced to absolute zero. I have always enjoyed the respect and esteem of my Sisters. I do not now have this. The difficulties existing in the house between some of the Sisters is such a source of sorrow to me that at times I feel I cannot take it. I am blamed for so much of it - I have begged and pleaded with Rev. Mother to right the matters - she, in turn, cannot see it. The ones concerned make her feel, at least one of them, that she is practicing heroic virtue. I am blamed by not righting the matter. It is entirely beyond my control. The poor children are suffering under it - since this is so, it seems to be my duty to right it. The only way that can be done would be to separate those involved and make changes. I pointed this out to Rev. Mother last summer. She did not agree with me but told me that the retreat had changed some of those involved and that all would be well this year. It hasn't, Father - at times, the house seems a perfect hell. Surely God does not wish this.

I beg your prayers, Father, that I may accept even this since it seems to be God's will. I am not permitted to fast for Lent, although the diet I am following is more or less a fast in itself. I am offering myself as a holocaust to our dear Lord to suffer and to bear all that ~~He~~

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sending. I am trying to be as generous and courageous as I can and to be as amiable and good-natured as possible. I renew my practice of adoration with that of trust and confidence in Him. I would appreciate hearing from you, Father, even though I know you are busy. Please tell me frankly what you think of it all. Am I exaggerated? Am I refusing to accept God's will for me? Am I failing Him in courage, fortitude and generosity? What do you wish me to do? Would you give me a penance to replace the fast?

Sister Mary Mediatrix is not very well. She has had another bad spell with her thyroid gland. I saw her a few moments this ~~year~~ week. She was in an oxygen tent and this seemed to be helping her. I told her that I was going to write to you and asked if she wished to send a message. She hesitated a moment and then said to tell you that her change of residence has made no difference in the suffering. She also said she felt that physical suffering would be her lot for the rest of her days. You probably know that she was made a member of the community of St. Mary's a few months ago. For a few weeks before Christmas, Sister seemed to be much better.

Alice Harding is not too well either. I haven't seen her for some time but I do telephone her occasionally when I am in the city.

I am enclosing some Mass stipends, Father, which I would appreciate your taking care of for me. I am grateful for your prayers, Father - I know that they have helped me much. You are remembered constantly in my prayers and my sufferings, too. How I wish that I might have the opportunity of speaking to you. I beg your blessing and your prayers.

Your grateful child in Him

*Sister Mary Dolores*

Galdácano a 18 de Febrero de 1957.  
D. P. Juan Luis Illacuriz

Queridísimo tío: Por fin, después de tanta angustia y desasosiego el Señor se ha dignado concederme este gran beneficio. He conseguido nada menos que la calificación de notable, siendo 2 los únicos que la hemos conseguido. El ha escuchado nuestras suplicas entre las que las tuyas figuran en primer lugar. Nunca podré pagarte todo lo que por mí has estado haciendo. Ayer día 17 a las 3<sup>42</sup> de la tarde comencé nuestro examen y a las 9 sabía ya la calificación. No he podido escribirte sobre esta fecha ya que no te hubiese llegado la carta a tiempo; además aunque hubiese llegado no se si te hubiese escrito ya que no hubiese conseguido más que tenerte un rato durante una semana, y además que no hubiese podido rogar por mí con más intensidad de la ya estabas haciendo.

¿Cómo va el peligro de guerra que ha truncado la felicidad mundial y nuestras pequeñas aspiraciones? Nuestros pequeños proyectos no se podrán realizar, probablemente, dadas las circunstancias mundiales, pero tus deseos y aspiraciones no se torrarán nunca de mi corazón.

En estos momentos libres de otros meros futuros voy a estudiar radio y televisión; ¿Qué te parece? Hay una revista americana "Mecánica Popular" de la dirección de una casa de radios (Los Angeles 14) que quizá tengan algún libro que más adelante podría ampliar mis conocimientos. No creas que te lo pido, como si tú de facto podrías mandarlo. Solo me interesaría (si puedes) que miraras si existe algún libro que hable de eso si podrías adquirirlo y después mandarlo para aquí. Todo esto me parece muy difícil y por tanto no debe preocuparte demasiado. Tú miras si puedes hacerlo. Yo anticipo, que cualquier respuesta que me des al efecto la daré por buena y quedaré satisfecho.

Recibe el saludo afectuoso de toda tu familia y un fuerte abrazo de tu sobrino que te quiere  
Juan Luis



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Bilbao 26 Junio 1957  
Ddo. Padre Juan Luis Guacernig

Mi querido Sr. Juan Luis: recibí su  
grata del 14 de Abril, en la cual veo  
que está bien, cuánto celebramos todo  
en casa su cariñosa carta.

De todas las cosas que me dice, me  
parecen todas ellas muy acertadas, tan-  
to el rezar el Santo Rosario, todos los  
días, como el tener un confesor espiri-  
tual. Desde hace cosa de medio año ó  
año, tengo un confesor espiritual que  
me aconseja y me dice el camino a  
seguir, mi hermano Javiercho.



Lo propio, en cuanto al Sanatorio lo  
reganamos todas las noches. Mi querido  
Tio todo lo que me dice de la difunta abuela,  
es cierto, se nota en proteccion sobre nos-  
otros, aunque tambien se notan sus ora-  
ciones que dirije al cielo por nosotros.

Mi hermano Javierdu ha terminado los  
exámenes, despues de ir muy bien se han  
cateado en dibujo, pero en septiembre la  
aprobara, segun el Director de la Aca-  
demia es el mejor listo para las Mate-  
maticas, pero para el dibujo no tiene  
mano. Pedro si que con la vocacion de  
ir cura. El Tio Pachon se nos ha hecho  
un gran hombre de servicio.

Disen más que decirle, le besan con  
mucho cariño, sus hermanas y sobrinos.  
Zorzi. Amel

Galdácano a 26 de marzo de 1951.

A. P. Juan Luis Illacuria.

Mi queridísimo tío:

A pesar de que no he recibido contestación a mi última del 18 de Febrero, vuelvo a escribirte, y esta vez para tratar de resolver un problema bastante serio. ¿Crees que realmente, bien sea este año, o el que viene podré ir a tu nación? La situación internacional del momento hace presagiar los más oscuros horizontes. Te hablo nuevamente de esto porque desde un tiempo a esta parte el Señor ha puesto en mi alma el santo sentimiento del amor. Te digo en mi alma, porque la muchacha hacia la que me inclino es la espiritualidad personificada. La muchacha en cuestión se llama Lourdes Madarraga, es de Galdácano, educada en colegio, finisima, de Acción Católica, en fin, es el ideal de la mujer cristiana que yo me he formado. Si me lanzara a la aventura de pretenderla, no sé si tendría la menor probabilidad de éxito, pero ante de intentarlo quiero consultarlo contigo. He pedido al Señor, no sé cuántas veces que ilumine este camino de tinieblas que se me presenta, pero no salgo de la incertidumbre. Creo que no me sería difícil olvidarla si fuera preciso, pero me frecuento muchas veces, ¿y si fuese la mujer que más me conviene para mi salvación? Esta interrogante me trae en vilo como te he dicho desde algún tiempo. También me pregunto; si no me conviene por qué el Señor habrá puesto esto en mi alma. Te repito que soy un mar de confusiones y no sé qué hacer. ¡Oh! si tú pudieras sacarme de esta duda. Medita sobre todo esto y contéstame lo antes posible; por favor no dejes de hacerlo.

Recibe mi saludo cariñoso de tu familia y el especial de tu sobrino que te quiere (Juan Luis)

J. M. + J. T.  
Carmel of Saint Teresa  
215 East Alhambra Road  
Alhambra, California

Pax Christi! April 3, 1951.

Reverend Abysinus Elacuria, C.M.F.  
1119 Westchester Place,  
Los Angeles 6, California.  
Reverend dear Father:

Your Reverend Father  
Provincial has given permission for  
you to say Mass in our convent on  
the morning of our Sister Genovieve's  
Silver Jubilee, Wednesday April 11<sup>th</sup>.  
It will be our community Mass  
at 6:30 A.M., and you will celebrate  
the Jubilee by giving us a conference.

Miss Mary Valla and a friend has  
kindly offered to call for you and  
bring you here to the convent at the  
early hour of our Mass, which is 6:30.

Trusting this will be satisfactory to  
you and begging your blessing for  
the community and myself.

Yours sincerely in Cordi Jesus.  
Sister Mary Teresa, D.C.  
Prioress.



# St. Patrick Academy

Momence, Illinois

J.M.J.

April 16, 1951

Rev. Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.,  
Immaculate Heart Novitiate,  
Los Angeles, California.

Rev. dear Father:

Enclosed kindly find check of \$ 14.00 and cash for five dollars for Mass stipends. I would appreciate it if you could the four for my intentions and those for Sister St. Patrick but if you do not find this possible, just distribute the intentions as you see fit. Thank you for taking care of this for me.

Your long silence is difficult to understand. However, I know that you do not forget me in prayer and I do appreciate this very much. I haven't time now to write much as I wish to send you the stipends. Much has happened since I last wrote to you. A breathing space of peace has again been granted to me and I am deeply grateful for this grace. Many problems, however, combine to disturb although I am doing all I can to confide them to Him Who alone can solve them. Perhaps later I can write at greater length.

Our dear Lord came for Sister St. Patrick last Sunday, April 8. She died in Mercyville - and we had all been praying that God would take her. Her funeral was most ~~beautiful~~ beautiful in its simplicity. Our Bishop, His Excellency Martin D. McNamara came for the funeral. I beg a memento in your prayers for Sister. I also beg your prayers for our dear Sister Mary Mediatrix who is seriously ill. Her hyperthyroid condition seems to have caused a partial paralysis on one side of her head; this causes spells in which Sister loses consciousness completely and during this time she is not responsible for her words or actions. She is suffering morally very, very much. God has certainly taken her as a victim. I wish I were free to tell you more but at present I think it best not to do so. Alice Harding has also been very ill with shingles - please pray for her, too.

Asking your blessing and your prayers, I remain

Your grateful child in Him

*I mailed you  
copies of the  
copy of the book of my. Sister Mary Dolores*



of the skin if a patient had cancer and my skin didn't  
bile duct was blocked and if such was correct he could cut it  
in the intestine and save my life. So Ray agreed to it.  
I feel better than I have felt for several years but I  
my strength. I weigh 112#. The fact that the doctor dis-  
on his own diagnosis as a last resort is simply an answer  
you a great deal for your constant prayers in my behalf.  
for 35 years and he only saw this operation performed once  
and there will not be another case like in the next 12 years.  
would impose on you if he asked you to make the trip  
and so busy.

happy to have you for this celebration. Mother Theresa called me  
and told me you said you would continue to pray for  
grateful.

I will come over to see you. With kindest regards from

Sincerely  
Hectorine J. Donaldson



J. M. J.

ST. MARY'S CONVENT,  
NOTRE DAME,  
INDIANA.

April 25<sup>th</sup>. 1957

Rev. Aloysius Ellacuria C. M. F.

Rev. Dear Father

I keep all Your intentions and those of Your good Novices in all my prayers as well as Your dear Brother. I recently received a letter from a student who was a Notre Dame boy was in the air corp for the Pacific armed Forces. he is at present studying and about to get his Doctors Degree from the University of Paris. he spent the Easter Vacation in Spain, told about the wonderful processions, of the Holy week, and the large attendance in the Churches every where, he visited Seville, Cordova, Cadix, and other cities, he said everywhere there were so many poor mothers & children half clad, and half starved, work long hours when they can get job, their pay a mere pittance, he was told that Tuberculosis is taking a heavy toll of life, for lack of proper food and clothing, while the rich people become richer the Government do nothing about it, and that's supposed to be a Catholic country, and a Catholic Government, really it made me feel sad, when You write to Your brother ask him to use his influence when and where ever he can in behalf of the poor for the poor are especially loved by Christ, anything done for the poor, Our Lord will reward with His own special Blessing, he said he merely kept enough money to take him back to Paris



## *Claretian Missionaries*

*Provincial House*

*1119 Westchester Pl.*

*Los Angeles 6, California.*

May 15, 1951

My dear friends,

This is Fr. Aloysius who visited you once about a year ago. I promised to see you again after my return from Rome. I hope that someday I will be able to see you again, - you see, I don't drive, and my presence is requested here where I am with the Novices since I am all by myself, without any assistant.

Strange but true, even though I didn't visit you since I came back from Rome, I have thought of you both very much and prayed for you.

You both know, my dear friends, that I am after the eternal salvation of your souls. I want you both to be happy forever in heaven, near to your own kid brother, Fr. Gillespie. Everything can be arranged very easily, - and then you will experience such a deep peace with the assurance that heaven is for you also, and not only for a chosen few.

While in Rome, in St. Peter's Basilica, I pleaded most sincerely for your eternal salvation, and later, on my way back, at Lourdes, I pleaded again with the Blessed Mother as Queen of Mercy for your salvation.



St. Vincent's Hospital  
Billings, Montana  
July 6, 1951

Dear Father Chapin

Thank you for  
offering a mass  
for my special  
intentions. —

indeed the  
Retreat held many  
graces for me.  
But of course,  
after so many

dear years. the  
struggle is not going  
to be easy —

I appreciate your  
continued remembrance  
in my behalf.

I thank you, also, for  
the cards of St Anthony  
Claret. I shall ask him  
to help me with a  
difficult personal problem  
— one in which he  
excelled so beautifully.  
For sometimes now I  
have been in a super-  
visory capacity which  
(with my over-timidity)  
I find almost impossible  
without some "super"-  
assistance.

So, Father, there  
were a few of the

Things which  
sounded me to say  
"Help. Help!". I decided  
not to keep it all  
to myself longer.

Sister M. Albine  
and Clementine (of  
the group who visited  
you that day) make  
the Retreat in Denver.  
Sister Victoria and  
Sister Catherine are in  
Denver now making their

way back home and  
guide you always!

Most faithfully, S. Anne Luce



now 8-1951

Praise be to Jesus Christ  
Thanks You Father for  
the Holy picture with  
the prayer and relic of  
Father Antony Claret  
also for your prayer I'm  
grateful, please pray for a  
relative of mine that is afraid  
to go to the sacraments, she  
will have a child in few  
months she is a Catholic,  
goes to Holy Mass but not  
married in church. I asked  
Blessed Mother about her, one  
time about a year ago, Blessed  
Mother said she would help  
her, but this relative keeps  
on being afraid of something.  
I had a Holy Mass said for  
her intention, and I know  
your prayer will help

Thank God and Our Dear  
Blessed Mother for all the  
favours we received and most  
of my life I depend on Our  
Blessed Mother, but she seems  
to be busy very busy now  
as you know Dear Father  
how good was Our Dear  
Blessed Mother to us all,  
some day I will write a book  
about the Blessed Mother, I  
seen Her many times, but  
I cant say anything to people  
for they dont believe me,  
but Bless be God I know that  
Blessed Mother loves you  
Father very much and I hope  
I could be present to another  
reataread soon, just now I am  
taking it very easy Mrs  
Powers has to do most of  
the hard work and he is not  
to strong any more old age

is creeping up on us so we  
are both pass 60 years  
now thanks to Our Dear  
Blessed Mother, I am in  
doll business now repair-  
ing dolls Mr Powers used  
to do plumbing but not  
much any more he is all  
worn out from all that  
hard work he said he just  
wants to pray now and  
be in peace, we live a  
clean live that is like  
a sister and brother for  
many yeeces, Father Powers  
writes once in a while he  
said he is very busy but  
ding a hall for the Parish  
and he sure is a jack  
of all trades, which will  
help him in the Mission  
he also knows book binding  
some day might start it in a  
big way for the Seminary  
but we must wait till God  
will it that way

I would like to visit good  
old Clara Church & get some  
the Blessed Sacrament again  
all the time so few people to see  
Jesus yet there is a so crowd  
did its heart breaking to see  
the people forget about God. Father  
Powers tells me about the power  
in Blessed Sacrament, he tells  
me to pray so people would come  
I sure would like to help him  
more in his missions but he tells  
me to be patient till God will  
call us, we also will pray  
for you father so God will  
let us have you for a long  
time yet if His Holy Will  
be done so, hoping to see you  
some day soon thanks for the  
prayer but I am not well yet  
so please keep on praying for  
us so I can help Mrs Powers  
and do my share of duty  
God Bless you all in God  
We trust and live. Mary Powers



Notre Dame,  
San Francisco 10, Cal.  
May 3, 1951

My dear Rev. Father Aloysius,

Your beautiful  
and most consoling letter reached me a  
few days ago, and it transported me, in  
thought, love and desire, near Heaven. I  
cherish it as the most precious thing I  
have, giving me, as it does such wonderful  
assurances.

Many, many thanks for that wonderful  
leaflet on the Immaculate Heart of Mary,  
and I am saying all those prayers most  
faithfully. Also I wish to thank you for the  
lovely pictures of your Holy Founder, St. An-  
thony Claret.

Just in order to let you know how my  
former strong heart has been affected, I shall  
confidentially tell you how it happened.

The day before school reopened in September,

the Principal told me I was not to teach any more, because I had taught a long time.

I then went to Sister Superior and told her what Sister had said. I asked her if Sister said anything to her about it and she said "No." also I said: "did you know anything about it and she said: "No". After pretending for one week, and deceiving me all the time, I found out she gave the Principal permission to do it and knew it would take place, some time before school opened. All these untruths, deceptions and betrayals, nearly finished my heart, because I have always been honest and truthful to those in authority. It is another case of Mo. Arthur! Humiliations without end!

When the Provincial came 5 months later, she knew nothing about the whole affair. - The Provincial is the one to make changes. Well, they told her so much about me, that she said "she had nothing to do with it, - and that she did not intend to do anything about it either - etc. etc. and of course took the part of the others against me. Well, it is

all over now, and it must have been your holy prayers that helped me to bear it.

Next thing: On Holy Thursday morning, at 5:20 A. M. on my way to the Chapel, Sister called me to wake up a rather sick Sister to get up in time for Mass & Holy Communion. When I got to her, her glassy eyes stared me - she had been dead over 2 hours. This second shock nearly finished my heart, and that same day I got Virus X, which has recurred 5 times since then, however this last week, my heart is getting better and thank God Virus X has left me. So now you know how and why I have been sick.

Sister Fina is here in San Francisco, having come for Sr. Marcella's Silver Jubilee.

Sister said she would take this letter for me, as I would not trust it to anyone else, so as soon as you read it, will you please destroy it.

Really Father, you have been so wonderfully



kind to me, that I do not know how to repay you, except by my poor prayers, and you have them daily at Mass & Holy Communion.

Sister Fina and I are praying that you will get a gift of a certain piece of valuable property. I cannot say any thing more about it, as it is a confidence from her to me.

I am reading and re-reading your beautiful letter and prayers, and I am very, very happy, trying to do all that you so lovingly suggested.

Mrs. Morgan sent me the list of indulgences attached to St. Anthony Claret's Crucifix, and I thank you very much for it. It is truly marvellous - all these spiritual treasures.

Now, my one thought is, that I have entered the final path leading to Heaven, and from now on, I'll feel as free as a bird - just working to become better and better. I got such a dose of humiliations that I don't bother about them any more, because I don't trust any of them.

Now, dear Rev. Father a thousand thanks for all your kindnesses and Holy Prayers. They tell me your days of Recollection are just wonderful. What I could make of, as ever in the Im. Heart of Mary - Devotedly yours,  
Sister Louis Marie, S.N.D.

Bilbao 5-3-51

R. P. Juan Louis Ellacuría  
Los Angeles

Mi querido tío: ¿Ya era hora que te escribiera mi carta de Marzo verdad? Eienes una sobrina de lo mas peregrina para escribir, pero todo llega así que aquí estoy para como siempre contarte algo de nosotros y de nuestras cosas. De momento y debido a la época estamos preparando muchas cosas y nosotros mismos hacemos de experimentar cambio ya que el espíritu ha de mostrarse propicio más que nunca al sacrificio y bueno de entregar a El lo mejor que tengamos. Precisamente hoy volví a comenzar lo tanto ejercicio y digo que volví porque hace dos semanas tuve que interrumpirlo por hacer mala de gripe. Ahora pido a Dios que me acompañe e ilumine para que los haga bien y mejore moralmente, que siempre tenemos faltas y defectos que bueno de procurar quitar. Mi hermano empezará Dios mediante la semana que viene y le acompañará papá, así unidos los dos miraran también de mejorarse. Su fin que cada uno por nuestra parte entregáramos nuestro todo al Redentor.

¡Ah! Dios querido, tengo que darte una noticia. Recuerdas que en una de mis cartas anteriores te pedía que rogaras por mí para que sana de una pequeña anomalía sin la cual no podía casarme? Pues ahora te digo que puedo dar gracias a Dios muchas infinitas porque ya estoy completamente bien, no solo esto, sino mejor que nunca en cuanto a esto. A veces pienso que soy ingrata con Jesús porque no hago más que recibir favores y a cada momento deo las gracias que El me otorga y yo como agradecimiento le hago todo el mal que puedo. Quéene tío porque lo merezco, no merito lo suficiente y que mal agradecida soy. No obstante espero de ahora en adelante pedir para que la Fe penetre en mí, como una primordia, sin la cual nada puede haber.

Mamá y papá siguen bien y te mandan su recuerdo, ya se imaginan que al no escribir estarías bien y aunque tus cartas les llenaban de satisfacción se hacen cargo de



que tus obligaciones son muchas y de que no  
se puede llegar a todo aunque muchas veces se  
quiera.

Mi hermano ya y está en casa, licenciado  
y completamente libre, así que de ahora en ade-  
lante será una gran ayuda para mamá. Esta-  
mos muy contentos por esto. Además que como  
en ocasiones anteriores te dije es un gran mucha-  
cho.

Ahora te voy a pedir un favor. Mamá y papá quie-  
ren regalarme un abrigo de piel. Nos han dicho que  
ahí están muchos más baratos y además son mejo-  
res. Me gustaría saber (si no te supone demasiado  
violencia meterte en asunto de mujeres) el precio quesi-  
mado en pesetas de abrigos de Astrakhan negro, o  
alguna otra piel, pero que no sean abrigos de lujo  
sino mas bien de duración. A mi desde Nueva Orleans  
o Nueva York, me lo traería algún marino cono-  
cido y yo el importe del abrigo te lo podría  
mandar en alguna cosa de aquí. Mantillas  
algunos fríos etc. Si puedes de esto si me sus-  
taria saber algo tanto si puedes como sino, para  
que en este segundo caso mirase en la Argentina  
por medio del tío José Perito.

Mis relaciones con José van muy  
bien y la familia sigue adelante trabajando  
contentos y todos sanos, así que no podemos pe-  
dir más. Don Francisco y las chicas te envían  
sus recuerdos y nosotros mamá, papá, Pachito  
y yo te enviamos como siempre nuestro que-  
rido y cariñoso abrazo. Mary Pere

J.M.J.

*The Sisters of Charity*  
*Saint John's Hospital*  
*Santa Monica, California*

May 4, 1951

Reverend Father Aloysius Ellacuria  
1119 Westchester Place  
Los Angeles, California

My dear Father Aloysius:

Sister Ann Raymond asked me if I would have you offer a high Mass for the recovery of a very sick patient here in the hospital. She would like to have have it offered as soon as possible.

I have been storming heaven all night , if it is God's most holy will, for the patients recovery. I put my relic crucifix of St. Anthony Claret and asked him to perform a miracle for the intention. As I was pinning the crucifix on her she asked me if I would pray for her.

She is not a catholic, at the present time she is too ill to understand as she is conscious at times.

One of our Sisters underwent a gall-bladder operation yesterday so far her condition is good thanks to our dear Lord. We have a couple of other Nuns from other Communities as patients. One of them is very sick.

Sister Francis Eileen is much better, due to the prayers of all.

You and your Community have a large share in my prayers and works. Am praying hard for your Novitiate.



J.M.J

*The Sisters of Charity*  
*Saint John's Hospital*  
*Santa Monica, California*

It has certainly been a very busy night but that gave me something to offer to our dear Lord. I asked Him to be with me as I knew when I first went on duty it was going to be busy. Sister Ann Raymond looked so tired and my heart really ached for her. It was after 11:00P.M. before she went to bed as she visits all the sick Sisters before retiring. She always tells me to call her if I need her but God is very good to helps as we very seldom call or awaken her after she has gone to bed as I realize her responsibilities during the day. God has certainly blessed us with a wonderful Superior. She is a very spiritual person. I know our Lord loves her very much.

It is nearly time for morning prayers.

Eleanor entered the Convent yesturday. It was the Monastery of the Angels. She was very happy. It was a day of rising with our dear Lord. Ascension Thursday .

May God bless you and our Community abundantly, is the prayer of yours in the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary.

*Sister Mary Eunice*

Sister Mary Eunice

J. M. J.

SAINT MARY-OF-THE-WASATCH  
SALT LAKE CITY 5, UTAH

May 4, 1951

Dear Father Aloysius,

May the Holy Spirit of Love fill you with His Sevenfold Gifts and His Twelve Fruits! I cannot also on your prayers for me. Thank you for all your prayers and sacrifices for me because they have helped me so much. You don't know how much I appreciate everything and I treasure the words you wrote me in your last letter, which was so welcome.

Today I was reading in a book - "Christ's Appeal for Love" to His Servant Joseph Merendy. It is so wonderful that Our Lord will grant such graces

and blessings if we are united to Him and have confidence. It is strange how after you have heard things over and over, maybe someday they will suddenly dawn on a person. I wish I could get that truth through my head because I would like to help people. I know you will continue to pray for me, dear Father Aloysius. I am going to try to remember to pray especially for you and the Novices on Tuesday, that is The Angels Day. And would you please offer up a Holy Mass when you have a chance.

Soon it will be Mother's Day and your dear Mother will be looking down on you, will she not? May our Heavenly Mother fill you with happiness. Thank you again for everything and May God Bless you.  
Your Sister in the Holy Cross,  
Sister Mary of the Passion.



J.D. - Decidimos una preciosa foto de Loretta Long,  
y harás extender a la gran estrella nuestros más encendidos  
admiración y simpatía.

Galdácano a 5 de Mayo de 1951.  
D. P. Juan Luis de Illauroa C. M.F.

Mi queridísimo tío:

Aún no he recibido tu ansiada contestación con la que esperaba resolver mi problema. Empecé a dudar que te lleguen mis cartas. Si las has recibido, supongo que te habrás hecho cargo de mi preocupación y sobre todo lo que queda pasar. Después de esperar, repito, un mes y en vista de que tu contestación no llegaba, ayer como 1<sup>er</sup> viernes comulgué y fue todo en manos del Señor. Le pedí que si me convenía, Él hiciese que yo pudiese hablar con ella y, ayer mismo a la noche tuve esa oportunidad. Le hablé algo sobre mi sentimiento espiritual hacia ella, claro que, sin llegar a nada concreto. No hay duda de que a ella le pilló de sorpresa y lo único que me contestó fue que durante la noche pondría todo en manos de la Virgen, para ver si le quisiera tiempo le iluminara sobre esta cuestión. No sé lo que saldrá de todo esto, pero yo no puedo adentrarme en los designios del Señor, lo único que hago es pedir para que se cumpla su Santísima voluntad. Pido también especialmente al abuelito todas las noches para que interceda por mí ante el Señor. No sé si he sido un poco precipitado, pero ten en cuenta, que dentro de un mes habré de ir al campamento y no volveré hasta septiembre; que las condiciones de esta muchacha no se encuentran a cada paso, (responden exactamente a las que tú me exponías hace ya un año en mi casa, ¿recuerdas?); y que por tal motivo no soy al único que ella interesa. Creo que estas consideraciones te serán lo suficientemente elocuentes para que te hagas cargo de mi modo de proceder. Sea lo que pase, será lo que Dios quiera, y cualquiera que fuese su decisión la aceptaré.

Hasta cuando tú quieras, recibe un fuerte abrazo de tu sobrino que  
te quiere Juan Luis

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Ave "Maria"

Ray Priest

May 6, 1951

My dear Father Alayncis,

Just a little  
note to tell you, I will be entering  
the cloister once more, one of  
May 10<sup>th</sup>, for my eight day private  
retreat, and will make my  
profession and first vows, the  
morning of Trinity Sunday.  
Oh, Father, I am a little afraid,  
as I am so very unworthy -  
of such a wonderful grace.

God is so very good to me and  
has given me so many graces -  
and I am not very faithful  
either - there are too many crosses

and hands. I wish you would  
ask the Holy Spirit to give me  
strength, and courage to turn  
these curves to straight ways,  
direct forward. it seems to me I am  
always holding things back, this I  
do not want to do, as I do despise  
around about ways, and mediocrity.  
at the same time I am doing this,  
why Father? I do not understand.  
An! perhaps its because I need  
light and strength, for I am  
so very weak. I hope and pray -  
and with your good prayers for  
me that I may ever come this,  
as I know these things mar the  
soul, for purity of intention,  
and spoil all virtues. See, Father  
how much I need your prayers for

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for my sanctification, which I  
desire so very much. so hard to  
be pure in all things, for the  
least little crime will spoil it. -

Rev. Mother has given me the  
Retreat book, under St. John of  
the Cross, which I will make under  
the Eyes of Our Blessed Mother of  
Mount Carmel - and The Trinity -  
The indwelling of the Trinity in ones  
soul, can become very clear at times,  
so I pray very much to the Triune  
God, which I love.

You said you would say a Mass  
for me, I do not know if you  
can say it on Trinity Sunday Morning  
for me, if you can I would  
like it very much. I will carry



all the Crosses No Matter. The cost  
 if I have ~~God~~ help. I'd like  
 Him, one with Him, and His Loving  
 Mother, is my only wish and desire.  
 That before I die, I may hear those  
 beautiful words from Him, "Come my  
 spouse," I hope to see you some  
 day after. I will remember  
 you, and your intentions during  
 my retreat and Trinity morning -  
 Enclose my poor offering  
 for the Mass. On my knees,  
 will you Bless me Father, God  
 reward you. In "my Three" I  
 yield myself as Thy prey -  
 God keep you under the shadow  
 of His wings -

Maria of the Holy Spirit D.C.

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J.M.J.  
SISTERS OF THE HOLY CROSS  
1920 SOUTH BRONSON AVENUE  
LOS ANGELES 18, CALIFORNIA

Dear Father Aloysius,

Enclosed is a Mass offering for my very special intention about which I spoke to you when we visited a few weeks ago. Since I saw you my mother met with a serious accident and having to take x-rays to find out if she had a skull fracture, we learned she has a tumor in her head. Dr. has said she may not be kept alone anymore so I asked my sister to come from her vacation in N.Y. to be with mother until school is over & at which time she is to return to her home in Hawaii. Last Sat. she got mother to agree to selling her home - furnished - below market value just because the deal could be, each one. Fortunately the sale couldn't go thru without my signature. Of course she

is irate with me now and all in  
all it has created a tension among  
us. My mother wants to remain in  
her home until she dies - The poor  
dear is physically & mentally incapable  
of making decisions at this time.

After June 26<sup>th</sup> my mother will be  
absolutely alone. I beg your good prayers  
for me to know what to do and as  
God wants it all to be. I pray - if it be  
His Will, that she go quickly where ever  
the wishes - if such then to please bring  
me a solution to the problem before  
the new school year starts in  
Sept. My sister is dollar-wise and  
since I did not sign over the stocks  
as you advised me not to - she has  
been determined to get her hands on  
them each. I'm sorry to trouble you  
but I know you helped me in  
keeping the home for her last Saturday  
I'm praying for you and your work -  
Sincerely in Holy Cross,

Sister M. Eugene

**Dominguez Seminary**  
Claretian Fathers  
18127 South Alameda Blvd.  
Compton, California

Dear Father,

Here I am again! I know that once the profession is made it is a sure sign of one's vocation - and yet I have doubts. You assured me, Father, that my place was with the Claretians - and I have not doubted that. But I do doubt as to whether I am to be a priest or a brother. The pros and cons for each side are heavy. And you know, Father, that I fear to make such decisions, as I always fear I will be making a mistake. I asked you once before, Father, to ask that chosen soul to let me know my vocation. I beg you, Father, to ask that soul again whether God wills that I be a priest or a brother. If you will only do that, Father, you will be settling my doubts in that regard. Forgive me, please, for bothering you



with this problem. I recommend myself to your prayers, especially to the end that I may do in all things the holy will of God. I shall not forget you in my miserable prayers.

Thank you, and may God and His holy Mother keep you ever as their own.

One of your former novices,  
Robert Billett, cmf.

J.M.  
SAINT MONICA'S CONVENT  
1032 SEVENTH STREET  
SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA

May 23, 1951.

Reverend Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Dear Father,

When I telephoned to tell  
M.W. Mercacci of your willingness  
to help him he seemed very much  
pleased. But he had to start a  
five weeks business trip in two  
days. Whether or not he make  
time to call on you I do not  
know. If it were not possible,  
I am sure he will on his return.

Between my concern for those  
waiting for me and the relations

I was begging prayers for there was little time to get to where I really desired. But I feel you could discern my sincere wish to know and learn more how to improve my poor service to God through Mary. How little I can remember that Wonderful Indwelling!

I am made to realize my littleness and -inabilities more and more. Yes, I can hear you say "trust" and I do. But there is always that fear of being cowardly in suffering and never really knowing.

how much to bear silently.

Our Annual Retreat begins June 20,  
and may I ask you to please  
pray that I make a good one.

During our Novena to the Sacred Heart,  
dear Father, I shall remember to  
pray too, for your many intentions.

And I recommend myself to  
your fervent prayers.

Very gratefully yours,

in Jesus and Mary,

Sister M. Helen Genevieve



J.M.J.F.

May 9th, 1951

Dear Father Aloysius;

It was indeed a pleasure to hear from you again; as we had almost thought you had forgotten us.

So very much has happened since our visit last summer, it would surely be wonderful to be able to visit you again this summer.

Our oldest daughter Rosemarie is now married, leaving only Aloys and Timothy. But of course Rosemarie has been replaced by Sr. Diana as you know. How our family has grown, a new son-in-law and sister besides.

Oh yes, lent was a very busy one around these quarters, very little sleep and a lot of work, but when it is being done for Our Lord, it surely becomes an easy matter. Our Lord has been so good to us in many, many ways. He guides us to an extent where if we only have enough faith, He takes over completely, leaving our free will of course to do as He chooses or let us pray our weakness will never take over here, meaning of course that we have a great responsibility and "fiat" is the wish and prayer of the whole Gaertner family.

Do not be too surprised if Fr. Gillespie would suddenly ring your door bell some time this summer. He has been invited to give several magic shows and it looks as though he may do a little traveling. I am sure he is most anxious to visit Westchester, Pl.

What you are most interested in for the time being is Cornelius' s address,

1930 1/2 Rodney Drive.

Thanks for all your prayers and you can be sure we will be remembering you in our poor ones.

*Margaret Gaertner*

**Fanchón Royer**

*Apartado 41*

*Jehuacán, Que., México.*

May 9, 1951.

Dear Father Aloysius:

Just a little thing I wrote a couple of years ago which saw the light in November. The MIRROR has just sent me some additional copies. I hope you will consider it worthy. It is difficult to find a way to do justice to México's great faith for our Anglo readers.

In this April issue of THE AMERICAS I have a much better article and, when the reprints come, shall mail you one. The book, THE FRANCISCANS CAME FIRST is supposed to be off the presses this month, after many and almost inexplicable delays.

My smallest daughter, Jacquelyn ( whose Saint's Name is Frances Marie and whose story I tell in this article in the MIRROR) is now, at 15 years, the teacher of 75 Inditas in the Sisters' poor Indian school here. She is preparing them all for their First Communions, teaching them reading, elementary arithmetic, etc. She is doing a wonderful work, probably much more valuable than her mother's. Please pray for it and her. With every best wish and prayer for this lovely Month of Our Precious Mother, I am, sincerely and gratefully,

*Fanchón Royer*  
Fanchón Royer

J.M.S.

Dear Reverend Father:

With your permission  
please may I practice  
sense mortification, for at  
least two years. Taking  
a different sense each week.

May I ask our dear  
Lord to take ten or  
fifteen minutes out of  
every hour of the twenty-

hours of my life in  
reparation for my sins?

Your spiritual daughter,

Sister Mary Eunice



¡Viva Cristo Rey!

SAN SEBASTIAN, A 12 de Mayo de 1951.

R.P. Juan Luis de Ellacuria. LOS ANGELES.

Queridísimo Juan Luis: Que el Corazón de María te  
sienta de sus maternas y cariñosas bendiciones.

Siempre estoy titilando en la imaginación el pensamiento  
de escribirte, sin que llegue a realizarlo, culpando a mis mu-  
ltiples y absorbentes ocupaciones.

No quiero demorar por más tiempo una misiva fraternal,  
por lo que te comunicarte noticias de sumo interés.

Nuestro tío, AMBROSIO DE INUNCIAGA, aquel de la perilla  
tan simpático y amable, HA MUERTO recientemente. Murió el día  
4 por la mañana. Nuestro hermano Francisco estuvo hablando  
con él la tarde anterior, en que le hizo grandes promesas de  
delegarle sus buenas representaciones, algunas de las cuales  
le rinden al año más de 60,000 pts. Orazo pro eo...

Nuestro sobrino Juan Luischu terminó felizmente su carrera  
Es todo un hombre y quiere al Señor que siga con sus actuales  
formidables sentimientos cristianos.

El cuñado de Francisco, que residía en su casa, ya se casó.

"El cuñado se le casó m

Y al irse a su casa

Una escama se le escapó

que le hería sin tasa..."

A Hidálgo le echarán un día de estos una multa de unas  
30,000 pts, los agentes de Hacienda, por no haber llevado bien  
los libros.

A Naticchu, nuestra elegante sobrina de Castaños, le salió  
una competidora de boxeo en la mañana del día 15 de Abril, en  
que me encontraba en Bilbao, para casar a INES, la criada de  
Doli. Y resulta que, cuando yo estaba más tranquilo y contento  
con los parientes de Pedro (su sobrina Aurorita y marido),  
me llaman al teléfono, avisandome que Nati ha sido llevada a  
la Comisaría, con las gafas rotas, la nariz sangrando y no se  
cuantos arañazos en la cara... Fue detenida con una de las  
criadas... Genio y figura hasta la sepultura o mejor: GENIO  
Y FIGURILLA DE LA CUNILLA... ? Casos semejantes más vale tomar-  
los en broma y reírse un poco. Tú ya te figurarás las cosas que  
tuve que oír aquel día de la sobreexaltada Juli, porque daba  
la coincidencia de que nos ponían al detalle del sitio donde  
podría estar detenida y Juli se empeñaba en que sí, que lo  
tenía que saber y, además, acudir cuanto antes a salir por  
los fueros de mi framente sobrina NATICHU, la elegante boxeadora  
de Castaños, que se ha entrenado en la lucha libre o grecoromana  
o de Cachascaschal... Como se escribe esto último?

Con esto ya te he dicho de rechazo que INES SE CASÓ  
le case y prediqué en la boda y tuvimos regular fiestecilla.  
Lleva un buen maridito.



Viva Cristo Rey!

En cuanto a mí, estoy abrumado de ocupaciones. Ha habido días en que materialmente he tenido que estar zapateando a una parte a otra y de prisa... Si llegas a estar detrás de mí, me hubieras dicho: "No seas tan basto ni brusco, Jose" En especial fueron días de verdadera prueba para mí los días 4, 5, y 6 del actual, en los que tenía que llegar al Triduo del Santísimo, que debía predicar en la Catedral, sin apenas poder cozer a tiempo el pan, y, luego, sin dirigir un solo vistazo a los niños que me rodeaban.

Tengo un magnífico equipo de altavoces. Es muy manejable. Me ha costado las 7,500 pts.; aparte algunos suplementos.

Ahora me resta por conseguir el magnetofón. Ya llegará, si Dios quiere.

Nuestro hijo, AMERROBIO DE INUNCIAGA, aquel de la perilla que me regaló, ha sido instalado en el Santuario del Corazón de María LOS ALTA VECES mi preocupación de ahora es la de poner bancos en la iglesia. En la tarde anterior, en que le hice algunas promesas de belleza sus buenas representaciones, algunas de las cuales... El día 6 tuvimos una laicidísima Primera Comunión.

También he recibido los Jueves Eucarísticos; desde que los he tomado servidos, han multiplicado y multiplicados los mismos. Al principio, me recibieron con cierta frialdad: pero, ahora están entusiasmados, al grado que los Jueves van viento en popa", gracias a Dios. Me caso a su casa.

Estoy preparando una docena de futuras claretianas. Una de ellas, de 16 años, es un alma extraordinaria y vale mucho. Pienso llevarlas a todas a las Misioneras Claretianas, que ahora están tomando mucho auge. Ya ves que te sigo los pasos en la dirección espiritual...

Hemos tenido visita provincial y me dijo el M.R.P. Lazcano, que su encamamiento al trastero aquí no fue más que, del de facilitarme el oficio de predicador y no para llevar los oficios secundarios que estoy ejerciendo; pero, palabras son palabras y hechos son hechos. En cuanto a los hombres, "ca día más desen-

Ha muerto repentinamente, sin recibir los Sacramentos, ni siquiera el de la Extrema Unción, el que fue entre nosotros R. P. MANUEL MOCOROA. Fue a responder ante su cadáver y estuve en su entierro y funerales. D.E.P.

Dicen que nuestro sobrino de Yurre, Ramonchu, tiene vocación de Sacerdote.

Recibe un fuerte abrazo de este tu hermano que tanto te quiere y recuerda,

*Jose Maria Lacurria*  
D.E.P. Te escribiré de nuevo en breve.

Con esto ya te he dicho de rechazo que INES SE CASO. Le case y prediqué en la boda y tuvimos regular fiesta. Lleva un buen marido.

St. Mary's Hospital

Sisters of Charity

Grand Junction, Colorado

May. 19. 1951

Rev dear Father:

Will you kindly offer some masses  
or have them offered for our special  
intentions. I am inclosing an offering

of 10.00. Thanking you

I am sincerely in Sacred Heart.

Sister Mary Alexine

Leo Afonaz, C.P.R.



CLARETIANUM  
STREETLY WOOD  
STREETLY  
STAFFS

June 2, 1951

Tel. Streetly 7637

Dear Father Al,

I was looking through the Catalogue and I noticed that your birthday was coming around again so I thought I'd take time out to wish you a Happy Birthday. Ergo, A very Happy and Holy Birthday to you, Father. I'm sure that Our Lord and His Blessed Mother will continue blessing you with the choicest of their blessings and that you'll receive all the grace you need to carry you through the coming year. Be sure that you'll be in my prayers in a special manner on the 21st.

Say, do you ever see the Canfields? After you left Dominguez they never came around any more. They certainly were fine people.

How are things at the novitiate? I hear that you have a really nice bunch of fellows this year. Of course I don't suppose they are as good as our year - how could they be!! HaHa!!! Give them my regards and please ask them to pray for the success of the visitorship. With God's grace and a lot of good work we'll be able to pull this place out of the rut it's in. Imagine we've been here at least thirty-five years and have nothing more to show for it but a hand full of ancient priests and two parishes neither of which has a church! Fr. Emaldia, the great man that he is, was all this place needed. He's my idea of the perfect priest - active and energetic as can be but also full of piety and the true spirit of the congregation. Last year at this time Claretianum wasn't dreamt of and today besides Claretianum we've a house in London (to be opened any day now), a new place in Loughton for a postulate (to be opened in Oct., if all goes well), and as soon as we can find an opening a house in Eire. As for vocations, we've about six who are going to attend Osterly in Sept. They are late vocations. Fr. Crook went to Osterly too for his latin. As for the younger fellows, I don't know how many are lined up. Fr. Pyka is to take part in a vocation exhibit in Manchester sometime this month and so perhaps he'll get a few fellows then. Vocations aren't plentiful over here, but I'm sure we can get as many as we need. The field is indeed ripe but the laborers are too few! As far as the money is concerned, it is almost a non-entity

Remember how we celebrated your last birthday as prefect of Philies? That program was really a dilly - the type for Father got smashed and so the finished product read "Fat Aloysius." What a day that was!! I still have the program.

for us. If God wants us to grow, it's up to Him to supply the "cum quibus" we'll need. How about getting one of your beatas to contribute eighteen thousand dollars!! We are going to enlarge this house and that's what it will cost. You people are so wealthy, surly in your charity you'll give up \$18,000 to your poor brethren in "jolly ole England/" How about it, Father? Now I won't take any excuses either - a refusal will just show your uncharitableness!!!!

Before I forget, will you please remember my sister Nancy in your prayers. She's entering the Adrian Dominicans June 24th. I'm sure that she has a vocation and that God will bless her with happiness and holiness. Also keep my folks in your orations. They're all alone now and no doubt they're going to miss us all the more now. I know that Our Lord will bless them for their generosity. Sister Claret is in Roy, New Mexico and likes it very much.

I'll receive the tonsure this evening and the first two minor orders tomorrow morning at Oscott. It hardly seems as though it's my turn already. The closer I get to the end the more I realize how unprepared I really am and how unworthy, too. Your prayers for me would be appreciated very much.

Besides Joe Maher, we're expecting another lad from Spain. When they are both here there will be seven of us students. It has been a very pleasant year though a little lonely at times. Joe's being here will help alot. Oscott is really a fine seminary. We attend lectures there six mornings a week from 8:45 to 12:15. All the lectures are in English, thank God. I was supposed to take Greek this year but when I informed the Rector that I already had a year with the eminent Doctor A. Ellacuria D.G. (Doctor in Greek) he very kindly excused me!!! How I love Greek!!!!!!! You liar Fischer! Those were happy days at Dominguez, weren't they? I miss it very much. But then since we're the tools of God, we must do what He commands and not what we want. Maybe a little extra sacrifice now will mean a soul later, so it's more than worth it.

I'm sure you'd love it here, Father. You'd have nothing to do but order "local cleaning and gardening" - you tyrant, you!! Our property is truly beautiful, all two and a half acres of it. Imagine, Rhododendrons are as common here as Pepper trees are in Calif.. They are all in full bloom now - red, white, and pink.

I don't want to try your patience any longer so I'll sign off for now. Again please remember me and mine in your prayers - you and yours are in mine. Give my regards to the community. How is Brother Puig getting along and Jude? Do write, if you have the time and don't forget about that \$18,000!!!!!!

God love you - In C.M.  
Jim Fischer, S.J.



J. m. J.  
OUR LADY ACADEMY  
MANTENO, ILLINOIS



PHONE 2351

June 3, 1951

Dear Father Alapine,

I am very grateful to you for your prayers for Rev. Mother especially for the mass said. Rev. Mother is far from well yet. She has been in bed since the beginning of May and still runs temperature as soon as they cease medication. This virus pneumonia seems to be hard to conquer and then leaves complications. Father Curie has been in the hospital since before Easter as a result of arthritis following a case of virus pneumonia.

I gathered from your letter that you are to be assigned new duties. Regardless of your work, I hope we can keep in touch with you. We are having our last monthly retreat of the year on the 14th. (the last day of my 59th year) I am asking for special blessing.

May God give you much consolation in your labors for Him  
Sr. Mary Catherine

CLARETIANUM

STREETLY WOOD

STREETLY

STAFFS 4th June 1951

Tel. Streetly 7637

My dear Fr. Ellacuria,

It would be a crime not to take this opportunity for wishing you many many happy returns of the day. May God bless you always and everywhere.

The few students here are doing magnificently well. Those who have attended lectures at Oscott and have been examined have got very good marks. May God be praised.

CLARETIANUM is a very beautiful place , completely secluded from the world, healthy and with good communications with Birmingham and other big towns. We intend to enlarge the house for 20 or 30 people more. We have got plans from an Architect and hope to start work very soon. BUT ...WE HAVE NOT WINE, I mean, MONEY.

I am sure you will persuade some of those artists at Hollivood to send us through you twenty of THIRTY THOUSAND dollars to Claretianum. That is nothing for them and it will be enough for us at the present. Please, good Father Ellakuria, persuade them of the importance of this act of charity. ELEMOSYNA LIBERAT A PECCATO.

You will do it, won't you? Bai eta bai. Laster be laster. Aituten ete dozu ? Mesedez ba egin eta agindu.

Yours sincerely in the Heart of Mary.

Angel de Mervetj  
Cuf.



Dear Father Aloysius: J. M. J<sup>7</sup> am deeply grateful for the Holy Masses - my 9<sup>th</sup> gift from Mrs. McKean.

The meeting of father and son and our longed for reunion was Blessed by Our Lord Himself in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

We were traveling East by automobile, searching for a Catholic Church on Sunday Morning, the Feast of the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. Finally we arrived at a Catholic Church in Provo Utah. The sign announced a Holy

Mass<sup>2</sup> at 11:00 o'clock. It was then 10:30 o'clock. I hurriedly ran to the usher and he told me that the Corpus Christi Procession would take place in one minute.

Miriam with George Anthony Claret in her arms, Anne and I entered the Church. The Priest was facing the Congregation with the Monstrance in his hand at that supreme moment.

We saw George and Walter kneeling together. Miriam and the baby Iselt beside G. A.

He was so recollected that he did not notice them. I sought a place two rows ahead.

It was First Holy Communion Sunday. The procession started. First Communicants, altar boys and the Priest carrying the Blessed Sacrament. Benediction followed.

After Benediction we all met in the vestibule of the Church. The Holy Mass at 11:00 o'clock was a Low Mass. The sermon on the Blessed Eucharist



J. M. + J. 7

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sublime.

George has to travel  
eight miles to a Catholic Church.  
Daily he and Miriam offer  
7:00 o'clock Mass. They  
pray the Holy Rosary ~~en route~~.  
The Rosary Novena booklet  
is helpful. They are learning  
the meditations.

I had the great joy

of kneeling with them on Monday  
and Tuesday at Holy Mass and  
Communion.

Earth holds no greater joy  
for me!

The enclosed offering is  
for five Holy Masses for  
Mrs Anna Sweeney. Please  
Padre!

With prayers for God's

Choicest Blessings to you  
Dear Padre, Fr. Provincial  
Fr Fresno and all the  
Charges of your souls -

Always Humbly and  
Gratefully in their hearts  
Maur O'Donnell

June 7, '51





+  
S.M.S.

St. Paul's Convent  
1920 Smith Brosson Ave -  
June 10, 1951

Dear Father

Just a little note to enclose some Mass Offerings -  
I would appreciate if you could say the two with your  
name marked on the envelope - Please say a little  
prayer too for Sister Mary Jane - Sister is going  
to the hospital in about a week for an operation -  
She is afraid that there might be cancer but she is  
perfectly resigned to God's Will - It is to be a head  
operation.

I hope Sally get in touch with you - Our Lord  
is surely trying her, isn't He? Maybe she can get  
into the San Francisco Carmel -

Thank you for all your good prayers for me  
and my loved ones - I depend on ~~them~~ so much -  
Next Sunday evening our retreat opens - I know  
you will not forget me -

Sincerely in Our Lady of Sorrows,  
Sister M. Hail

P.S. Did you know that Gloria's brother wants to enter  
the Claretian Seminary this fall? I guess Louise  
forgot to tell you on her last visit -

<sup>7</sup>  
J.M.J.

June 10, 1951

Dear Father Aloysius,

Thank you so much for saying Mass for my special intentions and for assuring me of your good prayers during this time of trial. Also I am grateful to you for your advice on my cultivation of Spiritual Reading and I am happy to inform you that I have been doing ever so much more of it lately and I find it a great aid to me mentally, especially, during these days.

The situations have taken shape into God's own plan since I wrote to you and now by the first of July I hope that my dear mother will be able to return to her home and find peace there. At present she is out of town with her sister until the in-laws move from her home. I am placing all trust in the Sacred Heart this month and I know that He will work things out for the good of all concerned. Prayers for myself I continue that I may know and do His Will in regard to my mother, for her financial security and for her peace of soul and as much happiness as God will permit her on this earth.

I beg of you to continue your prayers on this case that I may find the right party to live with my mother, if that is what God wants and if not, then to give me the light to know how to care for her.

Sincerely yours in Holy Cross,

*Sister Mary Eugene, C.S.C.*

**Dominguez Seminary**  
Claretian Fathers  
18127 South Alameda Blvd.  
Compton, California

June 13, 1951

Rev Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Dear Reverend Father:

Your fervent prayers and kind greetings greatly contributed to my happiness on the tenth of June. May God and the Blessed Mother bless you for your thoughtfulness, and preserve you for their glory and the welfare of the Congregation in the U. S.

With sincere thanks for your greetings and prayers and commending myself again to your prayers and offering my poor ones for you, I remain,

Fraternally yours in C.O.M.,

*M. Dominguez, C.M.F.*



J.M.G.

Dear Father (Monsieur),

Thank you for your letter.

I will try to be holy and pleasing to God and Mary here and am happy to wait till He wishes. And I thank God for having me wait for He knows what is better for me. I pray that Mary's heart will be my cell, that I may not heed the world.

Please pray for my brother who is a little ill still, not physically. He is very, very lonely. I am sad for him for he is a good boy who does not know God.

Sister Noël suggested that I make something for my mother

in preparation for when I leave. We  
tried to make a record of music  
but I do not know piano and could  
not learn the piece well. So she  
said to write something and record  
it. I did. I wrote about Carmel  
and explained to my mother and  
told her that in the ~~end~~ and she  
would be happy for giving her  
daughter. Now it's on record and  
I will give it to her when I enter.  
I drew some pictures and put them  
in nice frames and will soon give  
them to Sister Noelle for a surprise.  
I plan to do the same for my  
dear section sister also.

This I have written because I  
thought you might enjoy knowing  
about those little items.

A sister of the Holy Names suggested  
Sacramento, a Carmel there.

I her would not rest till I said  
that I would tell you about it.

There are many Carmels Jesus  
could place me but I am not  
worthy yet. Well, that Baby Jesus may  
have joy.

I tell my Blessed Mother about  
her ~~son~~, Father Aloysius often. She  
loves him very much. Will she  
not give him the delicious food  
of humility? And me too, Mother.

Please pray for me.

In the Immaculate Heart  
of Mary,

Sally Baca

P.S. Sister Noël gave me a novena of  
Saint Clare and I made it and  
now I love him. Thank you for  
the holy cards.

g. In. g.

504 N. Roxbury Dr.  
Beverly Hills, Calif  
June 17, 1951

Dear Father Aloysius:

I enclosed if  
seven dollars (\$7.00)

Mass Offerings  
for my mother.  
I know you will  
keep her in your  
prayers - and will  
be glad to know  
the new help is



of real benefit to her. -  
so quiet and efficient  
and most understanding.

I had hoped to  
bring this but Retreat  
time is upon us.

I pray it will be a good  
one - for my poor soul.  
Whether I am worn  
out or just lazy I do  
not know.

After a week at St. Paul's  
I shall return here  
for three weeks.

During that time  
Sister Anna Thuermer  
and I hope to have  
the opportunity of calling  
on you.

Please pray for us.

May God bless you,  
always!

Sincerely in J. M. J.

Sister Maria Benedetta  
C. S. C.

San SEBASTIAN, A 21 de Junio de 1951

He comunicado a la familia tus impresiones. Los le Galdàcano siguen estupendamente. Pero..., ¿no hay foto, mas que para ellos solos? ¿No te parece mejor que esa foto se corie unas cuantas veces y se regale una copia a cada hermano? Necesito, para hacerlo, tu aprobación personal y pronta.

por parte de Hacienda Nacional y cree ella que le multarán en unas 20,000 pesetas.

Llevo varias obras importantes entre manos  
Los BANCOS del Santuario en número de 62, casi todos de 3'55 de largos  
con un coste total de 10,000 pts.

La Catequesis que me supondrá unas 30,000 pts.  
La obra de las OBRERAS DE FATIMA que me supondrá  
unas 20,000 pts.. por lo menos.

En el día de hoy, SAN LUIS, ofrezco todos mis  
paupeérrimos méritos para ti. ¡Algo más necesito yo que tu ruegues por  
mi.

te ama en el Señor. Recibe un fuerte abrazo de tu hermano que tanto

P.D.: Escrita ya esta carta, me telefono con Poli que me dice dos cosas de importancia. 1) Que ruegue mucho por un asunto de importancia de Mary Tere, asunto importantísimo... 2) Que la multa será según calculan, de 20,000 a 30,000 pts. Como nosotros tenemos que estar indiferentes sobre los negocios seculares, aun cuando sean familiares supongo que no lo sentirás, pero si rogarás en deber de caridad cristiana y familiar. Poli me ha prometido que ME DARÁ LA MITAD PARA CAUSAS BENEFICAS, COMO NO LEIMULTEN.

Un abrazo muy fuerte. Vale.

Muchas cosas me han pasado por la cabeza, pero me he acordado de ti, de tu vida, de tu futuro, de tu amor.

(Cambio de tinta) En primer lugar, díjete que estoy muy satisfecho con la carta. Luego al Señor para que en el cambio de tinta se vea la verdadera realidad, se cumpla exactamente la divina voluntad. Como siempre a mi manera de considerar las cosas te deseo una bendición. ¿Cada vez la voluntad se dice?

La comunicación a la familia tus impresiones. Los de Galilea siguen estacionadamente. Pero... no hay foto, mas que para ellos solos? No se parece mejor que esa foto se copie unas cuantas veces y se regale una a cada hermano? Necesario, para hacerlo, la aprobación personal y pronta.

Francisco, gracias a Dios y a la evidente protección del cielo, va cogiendo diversas representaciones y parece que muy en breve saldrá bien de sus asuntos anteriores.

Poli ha tenido un disgusto muy considerable por parte de Hacienda Nacional y cree ella que le multarán en unas 20,000 pesetas.

Del resto de la familia no quedo o prodigarte noticias, porque hace tiempo que no he estado con ellos. Pienso visitarlos muy pronto con motivo de la recinta de voces clones Claretianas en tierras vascas. Ponemos Postulantado Vasco aquí en San Sebastián. Lleva varias obras importantes entre manos. Los BANCOS del Santuario en número de 22, casi todos de 3'25 de largos con un coste total de 40,000 pts.

Los alfayoces de la Iglesia con 12,000 pts le costo.

La Catequesis que me suocó una 20,000 pts. La obra de las HERMANAS DE FATIMA que me suocó una 20,000 pts., por lo menos.

Para la satisfacción y acción de las citas a Dios se voy a contar que rumores frecuentes y bastante universales por estos alrededores dicen y se dicen que NUNCA HA HABIDO EN EL CORAZÓN DE MARIA UN CORAZÓN QUE VIERA TANTO... y frases similares. Ya me he consultado al cardenal universal de los niños del barrio. Me ha dado una explicación de la Catequesis. Para la que tenía tres ratos y vehículos, algunos de ellos completamente gratuitos.

En el día de hoy, SAN LUIS, ofrezco todos mis sentimientos más caros a ti. ¡Alto mas necesario ya que tu fueras por mi.

Los coros de los JUEVES EUCARISTICOS los he aumentado en un 500 por 100 y espero aumentarlos mucho más. Recibe un fuerte abrazo de tu hermano que tanto te ama en el Señor.

g. <sup>†</sup>son. g.

504 N. Roxbury Dr.  
Beverly Hills, Cal.  
June 22, 1951

Dear Father Aloysius:

I am really at St. Paul's, South Thomson but by the time this reaches you I shall have returned to the above address where I shall be until July 13<sup>th</sup>

We are almost at the close of a wonderful retreat but that is not the reason for this letter. I have wanted to write you since our first meeting when you so kindly asked me to write. Not that I can write



well but I have always been able to express myself better that way. I believe one of my biggest crosses is self-consciousness. I have been told many times that is really pride but that fact has been no cure nor yet an aid to one.

Father, this is really a request for prayers - and direction. As I told you before - I am so far from what I would wish to be or had hoped to be at this age - and length of time in the religious life. My Final Profession was made in 1923. My only slight regret then was that I did not feel happier and more completely Our Lord's than I did when I made First Vows - three years previous. Since then - there have been two series of really sinful departures, - respectively about twenty and twelve years ago. During those periods of indulgence with two Sister companions the subject was continually a matter of confession and God spared us and gave us strength to overcome our sinful ways. Now, great the insult was to Him I will never be able to realize but do know I would rather die than ever have anything like

that happens again. I believe  
aside from the feeling of  
shame and guilt, I have  
deliberately scorned any  
encouragement or sign of  
friendliness; - so much so  
that at times I feel my  
heart is even shut to  
Our Lord. - I really want  
nothing more than to love  
Him with all my heart - but  
I have become or am so  
selfish and ungenerous.  
You say to be happy and  
joyful - and I would like to  
be - but how?  
I am reading many of the  
Trinity now - and practically  
at each page I have to  
wince - I know I need it

especially regarding  
my attitude toward  
my Superior and Sisters.  
I have really improved  
since following your  
advice but there is  
still much more praying  
to be done about it.  
My faith has been  
weak - and so my  
Obedience poor. I must  
admit that had I the  
choice of Superiors,  
because of previous  
incidents, my present  
one would have been  
one of my last choices.  
Which accounts for  
my great difficulty there  
and proves that God  
knows how to try me  
most. I failed but if  
we are together this year  
I hope He will give me  
strength to overcome my  
(is it?) resentment - and

to gain all possible merit in  
Obedience. God has been  
so good to me - and I have  
been so ungrateful - and  
at times almost "not  
caring to try" to become  
more perfect. There is another  
point: - am I at a tired  
age - or lazy?

This is rambling - but I am  
trying to say much in a short  
time! In the past there  
have been times and seasons  
of a deep fear - especially  
when I most wanted to  
love Our Lord. Occasionally  
it was followed by deliberately  
giving up the desire. During  
this retreat I caught  
it has come - and helped -  
that what I feared was  
really Our Lord wanting me  
in the depths of my being.  
At least I have told Him  
I will renounce it that way  
and no longer fear.

I have tried to find the  
passage in the book above  
mentioned where Our Lord  
said to "consent" - and let  
Him act. - To become a  
Victim and trust in His  
help. Father I was registered  
as a Victim Soul in 1942 but  
so far have never succeeded  
in being one. I still and  
even more so, - desire to  
become one. As I told you



before, - my will is so weak  
in doing the things I should  
do and really want to.  
It frightens me - the little  
control I have of it.

Scold me - or do anything  
you want - or think you  
should to make me  
better.

Above all, - pray for me.  
May God bless you always!

Sincerely in J. M. S.

Sister Maria Benedicta  
C.S.C.

Notre Dame Convent,  
San Francisco 10, Calif.  
June 27, 1957.

Dear Rev. Father Aloysius,

I am a little late  
in wishing you a very "Happy Feastday," and  
very many returns of the same.

I was in Belmont making my Re-  
treat with 135 Sisters, and it is the best  
one I ever made. I surely never expect to make  
another one like it. It truly was "heavenly",  
and nothing was said to scare me of hell.

We came out on our Feast day, and with  
packing a trunk and getting ready to come  
home, there was too much excitement and  
when I reached home, one Sister had been  
buried, and a third one operated on. Then the  
same night a Retreat opened here, and I  
am "door-keeper", and "telephone lady", so

I have been kept very busy. This retreat closes Saturday morning.

I heard from Mrs. Mongan and she said her relative arrived from the East on a vacation and we are all praying that you will succeed in getting him to the Sacraments. He goes regularly to Mass, but for many years not to Confession & Holy Communion, so please, dear Father, straighten him out. He is a very good man, and prays all the time, but something about confession troubles him. We'll leave the rest to You and God.

My heart complaint is much better, and my throat is still fine, not bleeding since last year, when Sister Superior let me go to Los Angeles to see you and get your prayers for me. Thank God, I'll not get cancer of the throat now.

I cannot go to Los Angeles this year so must make the sacrifice of not seeing you. I hope that Sister Superior will let me go to Los Angeles next year.

Dear Father, - one of my five nephews - 25 years old, just received his degrees from the University to be a High School teacher.

Under great secrecy, my other nephew's wife told me that he has only been baptized and never received any other sacrament, and does not want to be a catholic. None of the rest of our family knows it, not even Sr. Fina, so I do not know what to do. It will cause untold trouble if I say anything and these matters will be worse. So I am asking you to pray that our dear Lord will come to his help.

Sister Amanda remains the same - sometimes better then worse again.

I am praying also for one of my brothers, who is a very good, charitable catholic, but for the



past few years will not go to confession.  
He is nearly 80 years old and I also can  
do nothing about it, because he is not aware  
that I know about it. He has plenty of money,  
but money does not count in a case like this.

I am still praying that another big dona-  
tion will be given to you for your Order.

Dear Father, I shall close, renewing my  
heartfelt good wishes for a very Happy Feast-  
day. I remember you daily in my Mass and  
Holy Communion. I have adopted you as my  
Missionary, for whom I pray every day, begging  
our dear Blessed Mother to obtain for you  
every grace and blessing that your dear  
heart desires. I can never be grateful enough  
for your holy prayers for me and my cure.

Begging you to continue praying for me,  
I am in the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Sincerely yours,

Sister Louise Marie. S.N.D.

+ Bilbao 7 - 2 - 51

R. T. Juan Luis Olaguie  
Los Angeles, California

Querido tío:

Havia ya unos dias que queria escribirte, pero otras cosas hicieron que se retrasase este momento hasta ahora. Verde la carne aprovechando para hacerlo ya que lo que en ella me mantiene es solo un poquito de gripe sin importancia.

Este domingo pasado y el martes de la semana anterior nos congregamos toda la familia en Yurre al objeto de ver los funerales en el aniversario de la chachelita, y del tío Ignacio. Hubo mucha gente, para un pueblo, pero yo creo que nuestra familia ha sido siempre querida y respetada por todos, así que como te digo acudieron todos los conocidos, que no son pocos. En el 2º funeral canto el novio de Nati, chico muy bueno (un poco joven, es lo único que le encuentro de malo) pertenece a una de las mejores familias de Pareda, es muy simpático, pero bueno de él te hablaré y con mas conocimiento la propia interesante. En cuanto a nosotros, apenas si hemos variado en algo. Solo pramiá ha empleado en sus mandos y ademas bastante, el bigado le da una lata terrible y continua, pero los nombres no quieren ser molestados y tambien se dejan sentir. Reza mucho por ella para que se amolde a lo que le dicen los médicos y descanse su exceso de trabajo en puritos. Es cierto que no lo baremo como ella pero por lo menos lo intentaremos, escríbele y pídeselo tío ya que eres al único que oirá, hazle ver que la necesitamos mucho y que como tome rápidamente esta medida, luego se irá de dolerse, dile que deje de llevar la dirección de una forma directa y que si de todas formas su carácter quiere hacer algo que lo realice dando ordenes, pero que no lo ejecute ella dile que... pero bueno que tonté soy, de tu mano lo dejo pero que tus palabras son ordenes para ella. A mi hermano Natallé de la formadón previa que ha de tener antes de tener nada que no entienda a ninguna chica, porque puede perjudicarla (si no le interesa, de verdad) y que



antes de hacerlo seriamente, se entere de todos los deberes que le conciernen. De digo esto, porque parece que le gusta una chica, mas si hasta que punto, pero así irá como debe con ella.

Papá está muy bien, trabajando en sus velas, de las que siempre hay pedido. Quiere, ponerte unas lindas perlas con en todas te da las gracias por todos tus favores.

Respecto a mi, nada nuevo. Sigo muy contente y no cese de dar gracias por todo lo que recibo (que no es poco). Pido mucho a las Abuelas de la familia y desde luego aprecio palpablemente su favor. Ellas me han constantemente por nosotros no hay duda. Te agradezco tus palabras, es como ya te dije muy bueno, y le quiero mucho, cada día más.

El padrino y el resto de la familia si que van bien. Todos se acuerdan de ti y te saludan.

Bueno, un día de esto (quizá mañana te mandaré las fotos de la tía Lily y las nuestras) recibe muchos besos de todos y especialmente de tu sobrina que te recuerda siempre.

Mary Gere

Muchos besos de tu hermana.

Hijolita, Juan Luis me perdonaras por haberte escrito antes pues tengo muchas ocupaciones como comprenderas tanto en el comercio como en el negocio de velas que tengo que ampliarlo; en tu instancia que estuviste en esta os dejado un bello recuerdo de todas tus actuaciones, pues esto me recuerda a mi de cuando te fui a buscarte a Aranda de Duero. No olvidaré nunca tu fe tan grande y esligida que tu semblante de hombre de bien en la tierra Dios te concedido tu cunado.

Pedro Bilbao



EHF

CONFITERIA



# LA VIRGEN DE BEGOÑA

POR MAYOR Y MENOR

Castaños, número 3

Teléfono núm. 17045

Bilbao, 3 de Julio de 1951

Muestro querido hermano D.º: Se agradecemos mucho tu cariñosa y amable carta, y damos muy satisfechos de tu contenido y queriendo además de buena salud en los Angeles. También nos encontramos a Dios de salud bien y nos acordamos mucho de nuestra estancia en Madrid, del cual tenemos grato recuerdo menos N.º por el viaje tan desagradable que tuvo a la vuelta de Madrid. Seguimos en el Santo Rosario en familia.

Ahora nos comienza el verano, hasta hace unos siete u ocho días ha hecho un tiempo malísimo con mucha lluvia y mucho frío pero unos últimos días un calor asfixiante con un cielo despejado y azul. Dios quiere siga así el verano así y generalizemos en la lluvia a veces un poco el aire puro del campo. Es de agradecer que a la vuelta a E. U. de pasaria como a N.º porque en realidad es un viaje muy largo en comparación con el de Madrid a Bilbao. Se agradecemos mucho también porque te acuerdas de regar por nosotros. Desearíamos de corazón que Dios te oiga en tus oraciones y que se cumplan tus peticiones si es para glorificación de Dios y salvación de nuestras almas. Te deseamos también que Dios te conceda cada día mayor santidad y mayor espíritu en la salvación de los almas para que puedas llegar a la cumbre del Santo Padre Santo Juan de la Virgen Concepción del Corazón de María. Quisiéramos saber si tienes depositario o no como se llama esto para tener poder para reclamar alguna familia de Begoña. Desearíamos que sigas tan contento y feliz en ese amor de salud absolutamente y con cariño tus hermanos y sobrinos. M.º de Begoña



Benicia Arsenal

July 9, 1951

Dear Reverend Father:

Shortly  
after receiving your first letter  
I made a trip to Chicago to  
see my mother and sister.  
I took a thirty day leave during  
the month of May. I've been  
wanting to write to you  
ever since but the excitement  
of the trip and return kept  
me in a spin. I am very

I am a little worried,  
because if you sent that Holy  
Crucifix I did not receive it.  
If there is anything I can  
do to help trace it please  
let me know.

Father I am very  
grateful to you for your  
prayers. Please pray for a  
happy death for me.

Sincerely

John J. McHugh

negligent when it comes to writing letters.

My mother was very happy over the fact that I learned what I did from you about that woman. I have never contacted that woman in any way since I have been here.

When I was in Korea I gave that beautiful Autobiography of St. Clare to Bishop Byrne, the Apostolic Delegate to Korea, he was a Monsignor then. He treasured it very much. Bishop Byrne is among those missing.



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John J. McHugh



J. M. J.

July 16 - 1951.

My dear Spiritual Father:

Long ago I promised to write you of my spiritual ~~doings~~, knowing of your continued interest in the souls you have helped draw closer to Him.

I have taken my cold heart & placed it in the furnace of His love that all my infidelities might be consumed in His all merciful love.

I don't think I had ever really given Him my thought-life - so much centered around self - but now He has let me see. I renewed this morning the oblation of self, consecrating to the Indwelling Trinity - my thought-life and inner striving.

Pray the Holy Spirit to grow me a greater love - to put spirit into my dry bones that I may serve Him with a greater love and fervor and be more generous in the self-denial that through selflessness I may be united to Christ in the Redemption of souls. May I ask that you continue to offer me in the Chalice of your Mass. Bless the Eternal Father for a participation in His Divine Paternity for souls - That will be a stir to my flagging spirits. It will help me to persist in my efforts in spite of failure.

In faith I wish to draw close to  
Him - in reverent love & adoration  
& constant immolation.

Please may I count on your  
holy prayers for my needy soul?  
I thought of you and prayed  
for you on your feast. I hope  
you have forgiven my silence  
but I know you understand  
these our days. One cannot  
rise above one's dying spirits.  
In those days - everything is  
labor and forbidding.

I hope your health is good -  
and I know your work continues  
to bring down the flood of this  
guilt on souls.

Remember now - I need the  
prayers of my holy spiritual Father.  
I am counting on them.

God love & bless you for all  
you have done for all of us.

A. Mary of the Precious Blood

S. M. S.

July 25, 1951

Dear Father (Glorious,

Enclosed is the letter of Mother Superior of San Francisco. Sister Nell found out from a nun friend of hers a few days ago. The Mother wrote her to tell me to write at once. This letter is the answer to mine. Can you, as my director, tell her all you know about me?

Sister said that she thinks Mrs Kane will pay my dowry for she said she would. But pray that God's will be done.

I wrote Mother I minded about my family but if you want you can write too. Please.

My mother is the best of mothers. She has taught me well. And through her I was receptive for God's graces. She is not married in the Church but God will soon take her back. My father is dead. I and all my brothers and sister were born of a true Catholic marriage.

My brother became mentally ill and was sent to a State Hospital for three months. Now he is home. He is good and I pray that he be a priest someday or a holy brother or a holy husband. What God wishes.

Knowing these facts I fear that Mother will refuse me but I leave all to God.



S.M.S.

O do you know, on the Assumption of Our Blessed Mother I renew my act of Consecration to her. What fun it is to Love her. I am going to try all my life to Love her and to be her instrument for the glory of God. I am nothing and can do nothing but in her is God glorified and every one is converted.

Perhaps that is why God is letting me be filled with faults so that I can see my nothingness and that I run to Him and ~~be~~ let Him ~~work~~ ~~through~~ through me.

That is why I want to enter the garden of our Lady, Carmel, that I learn from her to give away my self and have God put in. I want Mary to live now in this time through me, O, to Love God as He ought. What fun!

I pray for you in every Mass and for my beloved. I will pray for your priest too.

What joy it is for the Blessed Mother to take her little son, Father Aloysius, and fill him with the milk of Love of God. O, that my priest, - brother and director be with her always, that I pray for you.

In the Immaculate Heart of Mary  
Sally Baca



J.M.J.

OUR LADY ACADEMY  
MANTENO, ILLINOIS  
PHONE 2351

July 28, 1951

Dear Father Aloysius,

This is just a note to give you the latest news about Rev. Mother. For quite a while the doctors were really concerned about Rev. Mother. Finally they decided to do a little investigating with a light at the end of a tube. This required an anesthetic, which in itself was a problem since there a number of anesthetics Rev. Mother cannot tolerate. Coughing while the tube was inserted was another worry. However, they finally took the risk since improvement was at a stand still. The result was that they found no cancer, no abscess or growth of any kind. The persistent spot was the residue of infection. The doctors were relieved that it was not worse. They diagnose the germ as virus X, a type not generally understood. They are allowing Rev. Mother to be up now for as long as six hours in the day, with periods of rest, well understood. Friday, Rev. Mother went out side for the first time. She has been in bed for three months now, but we are hopeful that the doctors will succeed in curing her completely.

We appreciate your prayers, and as Rev. Mother told one doctor, "If I am ever freed from this germ it will be the result of prayer and not medication." The doctor agreed.

I will be on retreat from August eithth to sixteenth. Prayers both ways will be in order. God bless you abundantly.

*Sister M. Catherine*

# *St. John's Hospital*

HELENA, MONTANA

August 5, 1951

Dear Father Aloysius,

Sister Victoria asked me to send you the enclosed check, and, as usual, to ask your prayers for all our intentions. We are still badly in need of money. People do not like to pay hospital bills, yet I have come to understand how they feel when they are so deeply in debt. If we could collect even one-half of our outstanding accounts, we could more than pay our bills. The question is: How can we collect? Are we being tried by the Good Lord, or are we at fault in some way? I do not know the answer. We have placed our troubles in the hands of St. Joseph and beseech him daily to have pity on us.

Thank you for the leaflets of prayers to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. I say them daily and will continue to do so. It seems to me that Our Blessed Lady is asking the women of today to bring souls to God thru the goodness and holiness of their own daily lives. They have changed so, that they do not know the power they are for good, and they have lost complete sight of the dignity God has given them in their womanhood. They could indeed save the world by co-operating with Mary.

There is another favor we would ask of you: that you pray that we will restore our Maternity Department to what it was when we first opened this hospital. Here again the fault may be our own, but whatever the reason, we are not getting the maternity patients and our Catholic mothers are patronizing our non-Catholic hospital here in Helena. This is a source of great grief to us. Perhaps we need your advice as well as your prayers. We will be grateful for both.

We go on retreat here tomorrow evening. Please pray for us, that we may all make a good retreat, particularly myself.

Gratefully yours,

*Sister Eugenia*

# Cathedral High School

CONDUCTED BY THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS

1253 BISHOP'S ROAD  
LOS ANGELES 12, CALIF.

August 8, 1951

Rev. Father Aloysius, C.M.F.  
1119 Westchester Place,  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Father Aloysius:

Thank you very much for the spiritual conference which you gave me last Monday. I will strive to put your kindly advice into effect by trying better to live our holy rules, keeping an abiding sorrow for my past sins, and praying for humility.

I have sent to Newman Bookstore for the two books you recommended. Will also make a study of the Gifts of the Holy Ghost as you suggested.

The assurance which you gave me in regards the life of my soul has greatly encouraged me. I for got to ask you for some penance I might perform daily under obedience to you, my spiritual Director, untill I see you again.

Be assured, dear Father, that I remember you every morning at Mass and Holy Communion.

Obediently yours in Christ,

*Brother William*

*Carmelite Monastery of Cristo Rey*

*721 Parker Avenue  
San Francisco 18, California*

August 13, 1951

Rev. Father Aloysius, C.M.F.  
1119 Westchester Pl.  
Los Angeles, California

Rev. and dear Father Aloysius: Pax Christi!

Please pardon me for my tardiness in acknowledging your very kind letter recommending Sally. Your information is most satisfactory and I hope to receive her very soon God willing. There are still a few more requisites to meet but I am almost sure we shall have Sally in our midst before long.

I too believe this young girl belongs to our dear Lord, thru our Blessed Mother. Her first letter impressed me deeply especially for her love to Our Lady and the innocence that seems to show forth in her letters. I think our Blessed Mother loves her too very much, you will be pleased to know that humanly speaking, there has been a very happy coincidence that has given me much confidence that our Blessed Mother wants this little girl in Carmel... all her letters to me have come either on Saturday or on some day dedicated to our Blessed Mother, so I think Sally's vocation has the seal of Mary and she will make a good Carmelite.

Thank you, Rev. Father, for your kind wishes and prayers for our Community and do feel assured we shall not forget you and the Novices in our prayers and I hope this is not the last time we hear from you. Asking your blessing, I remain,

Devotedly in Christ,

*M<sup>a</sup> Encarnación de Sta Teresa de*

The leaflets and relic of St. Anthony your Founder made me very happy, for a long time I had wanted a little relic of this great Saint. May God reward you.



J.M.  
SAINT MONICA'S CONVENT  
1032 SEVENTH STREET  
SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA

Aug. 20, 1951.

Reverend Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.  
Dear Father,

Miss Mary Valla was visiting  
several days ago with one  
of the Sisters who is vacationing  
here. Evidently one of the Sisters,  
also in parlor, was relating  
some anxiety Sister had and  
was advised to call on you.

I was happy to be the  
chosen companion.

I had been wondering if Mr. Menicacci  
ever called on you and what  
results there were. Strange, but  
Mary remembered about him and  
brought me a Novena card, like  
the enclosed, for me to give  
him. Just now I telephoned and  
learned that he never called on  
you but may do so soon. He is  
to be away several weeks again.

I mailed one of the cards to him.

Since more things are wrought  
by prayer than we can dream  
of, I am content to remind  
you anew of my great need.

How I should love to be very  
co-operative with all the graces  
offered me! I know not where  
nor how I stand. I only know  
that I have always been very  
willing, very weak, and still keeps  
trying to pray always. I trust,  
trust that I may sometime receive  
a grace and power to continually  
remember to join with all  
the Holy Masses just being offered  
and thus give joy and gratitude  
to God for all His Goodness.

Yes, and this by His and our  
Queen and Mother. Being far

short of such a realization and  
constancy, I come in spirit  
to ask your prayers because  
God was pleased to have us  
call in vain on August 14.

Very sincerely yours,  
in the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary,  
Sister M. Helen Leneveu.





SEGRETERIA DI STATO  
DI  
SUA SANTITA

Vatican City, August 25, 1952

THE SECRETARIAT OF STATE OF HIS HOLINESS  
at the gracious direction of the Holy Father,  
wishes to acknowledge the recent letter of Mr.  
N.J.Schorn, and in expressing the hope that his  
devotion to the Block Rosary may be blessed and  
fructified, has pleasure in communicating the  
paternal Apostolic Blessing of His Holiness.



E. Prany

(enclosure: 1)

<sup>+</sup>  
J. M. J.

412 French St.  
Meriden City  
Sept. 1951

Rev. A. E. Claureau,

Dear Father,

I cannot begin  
to tell you how  
grateful I have  
been for your interest  
and prayers during  
my illness. Sister  
Neil kept me in-  
formed and it  
meant so much

to know you prayed  
daily in your Mass.  
Now I shall say  
"thank you" to Him  
daily for you.

The enclosed  
money is for a  
Mass for Rev.  
T. F. Tracer (Oct. 4)  
and the other for  
my own intentions  
when it is con-  
venient for you.

Father, may I  
beg a continuation  
of your prayers  
for them & I

needed to be done  
here for 900 children  
and I teach 60  
eighth graders, too.

God bless you  
kindly Love you  
thoroughly.

Gratefully,

Sister Mary Rose



+  
g.m.g.

504 N. Roxbury Dr.,  
Beverly Hills, Calif.  
September 3, 1957

Dear Father Aloysius:

This note is to  
inform you that I am  
to be at the above  
address again, this year.

I would greatly  
appreciate knowing  
if you received the  
letter I wrote during  
the Retreat at St. Paul's  
in June. I have been  
quite worried about it.

May God bless you always!

Sincerely in J. D. J.  
Sister Maria Benedicta C.S.C.

S.M.D.

Sept. 4, 1951

Dear Father Blasius,

Now I am in God's garden.

There is Love here for Him. The nuns

are very humble and simple. I will

try to be very humble and

obedient. I do not like to kneel

so much but I kept saying

for Jesus, for Jesus. I am learning

to read Spanish. I am very

happy. Here we are happy

in Christ. There are no big

sacrifices or humiliations for

me as yet, just joy. There are

tiny things to give God <sup>through</sup> ~~through~~

all through Mary. A saint once

said we ought not to care what we

have joy or sorrow, all is for the

glory of God. He gives what He wants

as He wants, when He wants. Whether

I eat ice cream or have to kneel

a long time I give offer it to God.

I pray for my priest-brothers. As a priest

offer me through Mary to God. As a

brother, pray for God's littlest one.

San Mary, Sally B. B.

Carmelite Monastery of Cristo Rey  
721 Parker Avenue  
San Francisco 18, California

September 4, 1951

Dear Father Aloysius:

This is to thank you for the very beautiful gift that you sent my dear Sally. I appreciated it more than I can say, we have a great admiration for St. Anthony although we knew very little of his life and now we are happy to have this interesting biography.

Your little sister is now at home in Carmel. She is very happy and so eager to please God. I am impressed deeply by her sweetness and her deep love for our Bl. Mother. I assure you we are all very happy that you sent us this little sister. I am sure she will make a very good Carmelite.

Last week we had our elections and I was relieved of the Office of Prioress, so I did not receive Sally myself at her entrance but her received her at the Novitiate as Rev. Mother has given me charge of the Novices. Now you and I are companions in Office and I will feel greatly consoled if you keep me and my little flock of novices in your prayers and rest assured that I shall remember you and your Novices. There are two postulants and three novices, one of them will leave the Noviate next week as she is making her Final Profession on the Nativity of our Blessed Mother. I am so happy that Sally is here to witness this touching ceremony.

I am very happy to have little Sally under my care she is so lovely to direct and so submissive. I marvel how the world can have such beautiful souls without appreciating them and seeing that it is for these souls that God does not punish this sinful world of ours.

Our Reverend Mother is Mother Maria de los Angeles, she was the Novice Mistress, so you see we only changed offices. Rev. Mother asks me

to remember her to you. When you wish to write again please write to our Rev. Mother I shall be so glad to know that you will keep us in your prayers and those of the novices.

Let me thank you again for the beautiful book, I was surprised to see the dedication in Spanish and was tempted to write in Spanish too. Perhaps Rev. Mother will. In union of prayer and asking your blessing, I remain,

Very devotedly in Christ,

M<sup>a</sup> Trinidad de Sta Teresa, D.C.



OUR LADY ACADEMY

MANTENO, ILLINOIS



PHONE 2351

J. M. J.

September - 9 - 51.

Reverend Father O'Leary:  
Dear Father:

I am sending you a Mass  
Stipend for an old brother of mine who  
passed away last week. He was living  
in Spokane Washing so it was  
impossible for me to attend his funeral.  
He had been ill for a long time -  
his death was a very peaceful one; he  
had always been a very devout Catholic  
so I hope and pray that his dear soul  
may soon be in Heaven with all the  
dear members of my family who are  
enjoying their heavenly reward.

A couple of weeks ago Sister Inelda came  
to spend a couple of days here.  
You can well imagine that the two of  
us had a lovely chat about Cal. and  
I asked her many questions about you.

How much I would love to take another trip out West but due to my heart condition I do not expect it will ever happen.

Probably you do not know that since a couple of years I have had several heart attacks. Last year I was unable to finish the school year as my Doctor sent me to our hospital in H. H. H. where I remained for 7 weeks Dr. always told me that I was too active in my work but I did not realize my condition and kept on going until I was so very exhausted that I then had to stop walking or not.

This year practically all my work has been taken away from me except that I can teach about 25 music pupils but I am not allowed to go to the Academy building so Mother Eugene had my piano brought to the Sisters building and I am teaching in the parlor on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor.

I must say this that I am much better but Dr. warned me that the heart condition would always remain so I still must rest in the morning and after dinner.

I am sure that you are wondering how I accepted all this?

OUR LADY ACADEMY

MANTENO, ILLINOIS



PHONE 2351

I believe that I wrote to you last year that our Conference Master was trying very hard to work with us on Divine Love. So I made up my mind to try each day to increase in love that Divine Love and do and accept all that was sent to me in that intention.

I did not feel depressed all the time that I was at the hospital and I accepted with Love and generosity what my Divine Spouse wanted to send me.

I tried to be very cheerful especially with the Sisters who have been sick there for a long time and as soon as I was permitted to be out of bed I made it a point to visit those Sisters and share with them whatever was sent to me.

One thing that I feel very keenly is not to be able to take care of our dear little chapel but that was offered up many times. As I knew that my condition would not allow me to do any more strenuous work I prepared

myself during the Summer by asking  
our Dear Lord to give me generosity.

Now I know that I need not ask you  
to pray for me as I am convinced that  
you do but please write with me that  
I may increase in that Divine Love.

No doubt you know that our dear  
Mother Rose Mary has been a patient  
at our hospital for over 4 months and I  
can add that her condition was very  
alarming but God heard our petitions & he  
is on the way to recovery.

Did you know that our Very Rev. Mother  
General & her council left France to come  
to Canada & the States. Just at present  
Mother St. Emily & Mother Albert a new  
council members are visiting us.  
How very happy I was to see again my  
dear Cousin.

I was told that you were re-elected  
Novice Master - All my congratulations!

I pray for you each day in a  
very special manner - I understand  
the great responsibility.

Always yours gratefully,  
Sister Margaret Mary



+  
J. M. J.  
Sisters of the Holy Cross  
1631 Sixty Second Avenue  
Oakland 3, California

September 10, 1951

Dear Father Aloysius,

Enclosed you will find an offering for some Masses which I would appreciate having said at your Novitiate. If you can say any of them, I'd be most grateful, Father. Thank you very much.

Since I was not in Los Angeles as long as I had expected to be, it was not possible for me to see you. I wish to tell you, Father, what a wonderfully happy day was August 15<sup>th</sup>, the day of Final Profession. You received a very special remembrance then and do everyday, for you helped me so much last year; I sincerely believe that it was through your guidance I received the grace to go ahead confidently in making final vows.

My obedience this year is teaching the third grade here in Oakland at St. Bernard's; I like it very much in so many ways. I do wish, however, I could have a talk with you, but most certainly at present, at least, God is asking that sacrifice of me. Perhaps a visit will be possible next summer.

One more, Father, my gratitude. Each day brings a deeper realization and I pray more meaningful living of the beauty of a religious vocation, especially in Holy Cross. My daily prayers for you and the novices.

Sincerely in Holy Cross,  
Sister M. Catherine Lena

**Sisters of the Holy Cross**

1631 Sixty Second Avenue

Oakland 3, California

*Mass Intentions*

*Sisters of Holy Cross in Oakland*

*Sisters of Holy Cross in Beverly Hills*

*Mrs. Sarah Thompson (living)*

*Sister Marie Patrice (living)*

*Mrs. Gleason (deceased)*

5736 LexingtonAve.

Hollywood

Sept. 17,1951

Dear Father Alovsius: .

The enclosed checks are for Masses.

A check for three dollars is from Mrs. O Connor, one of our members. Her note will explain why she wishes the Masses said as soon as it is convenient to you.

The other check is for five dollars and it includes two dollars from Mrs. Mary Harris another member.

Mrs. Harris wishes one Mass in Honor of the Sacred Heart for a special intention and the other is for a Mass of Thanksgiving in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Also at your convenience.

The remaining three dollars is for Masses of thanksgiving in Honor of Our Lord , The Blessed Mother and St Joseph, whenever convenient.

The ladies loved the first meeting of the Guild and are looking foward to the next meeting with you. I hope it will be possible for you to attend. The next meeting is Wednesday Sept. 26th. My son will be happy to call for you at 7.15 pm. if desirable. I will call you on that date for confirmation of the time.

The ladies were so happy to meet you and know you, and I



really believe they received much spiritual benefit from your very inspiring talk.

Some of the petitions that the ladies left under Our Ladies statue in my living room have been granted. I was worried about my son who is right in the thick of the fight in Korea. I had not heard from him in six weeks. I received a letter that he had come through the last battle safely but that his Rosary had rusted in his pocket and had fallen to pieces. He begged me to send him another at once. I mailed him a pair with a silver chain (that will not rust) that very day. He said his clothes are wet most of the time from the heavy rains and mud and that the beads don't last long. He said too, that if we knew how terrible it is over there for all concerned we would never stop praying over here. He said the fighting is terrible and that the communist soldier is a good soldier and very fanatical in the way he fights. He does not have the know how of the Americans and that is the reason their losses are so staggering. However, we are losing many of our own sons in this fighting too. We can only hope and pray that God will end this needless slaughter in His own good time.

I know you will be glad to know that my son came through the battle safe for the time being.. He is now at a rest camp. Please pray for him.

Pray that our Lady will obtain the graces necessary for me to attract her friends to our guild. I know that after they come and meet you they will want to remain as members.

Thank you so much for your gracious and kindly assistance.

Sincerely yours in Christ

Margaret Filing

J.M.J.

Septiembre 22, 1951

Rv.P. Luis Ellacuria, C.M.F.  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Amadísimo P. de mi alma en Jesús y María:

En verdad que tiene V.R. motivo más que suficiente para pensar que ya me habré olvidado de mi alma y de su vida espiritual. Pero gracias al Buen Jesús y al C. de la Madre no es así, ni con Su ayuda lo será en lo futuro. Mi decisión de ser santo esta bien tomada en la presencia de Dios. A El gracias!

Lo que ha pasado es que, desde que salí de Dominguez para el Hospital de S. José de Orange hasta el presente, mis ocupaciones se han juntado y seguido unas a otras como los eslabones de una cadena. Por eso no he podido terminar la Cuenta Espiritual que comence a escribir viniendo en tren desde California. Se la enviaré tan pronto como esté en forma.

Ahora mismo estoy sólo en casa. El Hno. James-que aun no está muy bien, por los dolores de su pierna-salió después de comer para el St. Anthony de Padua Hospital, a llevar algunas cartas al P. Superior, que se encuentra hospitalizado desde el día 18 de este mes. Hasta ayer no le dijeron los Doctores lo que tenia. Parece ser inflamación de la vejiga. No parece ser muy grave, pero los Doctores le han dicho que tendrá que permanecer allí unos días más. Fiat Voluntas Dei!

Su servidor me encuentro bien en medio de esta actividad. Estoy muy contento con la Divina Voluntad, y me siento feliz. Pero no llego a convencerme de mi valer para la vida de parroquia. ¿Le parece bien a V.R. que mencione esto al M.R. Provincial cuando venga a la Visita Canónica? Creo que será pronto. Se me habia ocurrido ponerme a estudiar Psicología pidiendo dispensa de escolaridad a la Universidad de Loyola, de esta Ciudad. Le parece a V.R. oportuno y prudente proponérselo al M.R.P. en dicha ocasión? o por carta?

Físicamente creo que estoy mejor que cuando estaba en Calif.

Hoy ninguna otra cosa especial se me ocurre. Siga teniendo presente en sus diarias oraciones sacerdotales a esta alma suya, para que el Señor la santifique, y échele su santa Bendición.

Suyo siempre en el C.Im. de la dulce Madre

*José Gallego C.M.F.*

J.M.J.  
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY  
OF FATIMA  
4515 So. Ashland Ave. Chicago 9, Ill

Septiembre 24, 1951

Rv. P. Luis Ellacuría, C.M.F.  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Amadísimo P. de mi alma: Llenenos el Señor de su Santa Gracia!

Válgame Dios, y qué bien me cae aquel epíteto que el humilde Profeta se atribuía a sí; llamándose "VIR DESIDERIORUM"; que varón de planes y de buenos deseos soy yo; pero de deseos inútiles, por ser incapaz de hacer nada fructuoso. En fin, me contento con toda mi confianza en el Señor y el C. de la Madre. Ellos tendrán misericordia de mí, y espero que quizá alguna vez usarán de este pobrísimo e indigno instrumento para hacer algo por su amor y gloria, y por la salvación y santificación de las almas. Amen.

Le escribí hace dos o tres días para comunicarle que aun vivía con ansias de santidad, gracias a Quien las da, y le pedía además consejo sobre dos asuntillos. Hoy le escribo para pedirle también consejo sobre otros dos.

Ayer antes de la Misa de 10, que su servidar había de cantar como de ordinario, vino una Señorita americana-no muy joven-a saludarme a la sacristía, y me habló de algo que cierto Padre Claretiano le había dicho hace varios años, a cerca de "Las Religiosas en sus casas", manifestando deseo de ser una de ellas. Como recordará quizá, varias veces hable a V.R. de mis deseos de organizar en E.U. esa obra inspirada de nuestro Sto. P. Fundador. Algún P. del actual Gov. Provincial a quien también lo propuse, me animó a seguir a adelante con la idea. Hasta hoy no había encontrado oportunidad, aunque sí almas deseosas de perfección en el mundo. Ahora estoy decidido a llevarla a la práctica. Pero como desconfío mucho de mí mismo, quiero que V.R. me de su autorizado parecer en el Señor. Será Voluntad de Dios que, confiando sólo en su amor y gracia, me lance a establecer esa Obra?

Al preguntar a la mencionada persona si tenía Director Espiritual, me dijo que hasta ahora no lo había tenido, pero que sabía lo que ello significaba en la vida espiritual. Y me pidió que si yo quería serlo. Conoce su R. mi temor-en este punto-fundado en mi indignidad y escasos talentos. Le dije pues que, por favor, se esperara unos días, que quería consultar a mis Superiores para estar seguro de la Voluntad de Dios. Esto quiero también proponer a V.R. Le parece a V.R. que es Voluntad de Dios que la tome bajo mi dirección?

Le agradecería mucho en el Señor, me respondiera lo antes posible a estas y a mis anteriores Questiones. No necesita escribirme largo-para lo cual quizá no tendrá tiempo-Basta un "si" o un "no" de esos que hacen la Obediencia perfecta. Ambos quedamos rogando por V.R.

Suyo en C.I. de la Madre

P.D. M. P. Superior salió ayer-mañana del Hospital. Esta tarde tomará el tren para San Antonio. R. J. V. M. H

José Gallego c.m.f.

Perdone! Hecho por alhi alguna copia-extra del C.I. A. ?  
por favor, envíenla. Por aqui no encuentro ninguna. Y de  
sera la necesito. Dígale si le da prefer algo. Gracias!



J.M.J.

(Dominguez Seminary, Marzo, 23, 1951)

CUENTA ESPIRITUAL

Rv. Fr. Luis Ellacuria, C.M.F.  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Mi Rv. P. y amado Director de mi alma en Jesus y Maria:

En estos dias de salvacion en que nos encontramos, voy a reanudar mi relacion espiritual, puesto que el tiempo y obligaciones me lo permiten. Seguire copiando el Diario espiritual, que completare con un resumen lo mas claro y fiel que me sea posible.

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NOVIEMBRE

24-Fiesta de S. Juan de la Cruz. Pedi en la Sta. Misa: la gracia de la impecabilidad y la completa transformacion en Dios. para mi y para mis Superiores, especialmente para mi Director Espiritual.

25-Me senti fervoroso en la Misa, y en la Consagracion de la Misa pedi a Jesus el Martirio. Los Discipulos de III de Filosofia quisieron celebrar hoy mi cumpleaños. Me cogio de improviso y aunque pense darles clase formal, al fin me parecia mejor acceder a sus deseos.

26-Hoy he celebrado el 28 aniversario de mi nacimiento. Usando del privilegio concedido por el ultimo Cap. Gral., dije hoy la Sta. Misa por mis intenciones: por mis Padres, Hermanos, Parientes, Superiores y cuantos de algun modo han contribuido a mi formacion. El Sr. y la Madre me concedieron que la fecha pasara desapercibida para la Comunidad, como se lo habia pedido. Esto me dio mucho gozo. Benditos y alabados sean por siempre! amen.

Hace algunas semanas me dijo un hermano que lo habia ofendido. Como hasta hoy no me habia dicho la ofensa, fui esta tarde a su celda y le rogué me la dijera. No recordaba yo de tal cosa, mas de todos modos quise darle satisfaccion pidiendole perdon y besandole los pies. Hizolo Jesus. A El gloria y prez!

27-Los cursos I y II de Filosofia quisieron celebrar hoy mi cumpleaños, y hube darles vacacion.

DICIEMBRE

3-Hoy Domingo, fui a decir Misa a Watts, como de costumbre. Cuando iba a salir al Altar, me dijo el Asistente que deseaba el P. Parroco predicar yo de la preparacion espiritual del cristiano para Navidad. Me gustó, pues no me quedaba ni un minuto de preparacion, pero no le dije nada y obedeci. El Sr. y la Madre lo hicieron todo, pues al parecer



no me salio tan mal.

- 7-Ayer tuve una disputa con un discipulo sobre un punto de Criterologia. Me puse muy nervioso y me impaciente mucho de modo que perdi la paz interior. Esta mañana en clase, pedi a todos perdon por esta y otras acciones con que les pudiera haber escandalizado y al aludido discipulo le bese los pies.
- 8-Pedi a la Madre durante el dia, que me hiciera puro y limpio como Ella.
- 9-Fui a conferenciar con el M.R.P.Provincial, quien nuevamente aprobo todos mis trabajos y planes cientificos. Ayer rechaze un Triduo a la V.de Guadalupe. Necesito el tiempo para cumplir con las obligaciones y deseos de los PP.Superiores.
- 11-Despedida del M.R.P.Provincial. Lo acompaño hasta el Noviciado, donde conferencie con el P.Director Espiritual.....
- 18-Hoy lleve al Hno.Sastre tres objetos de valor que recibí con ocasion de mi ordenacion, y que aunque buenos y utiles puedo pasar sin ellos.
- 21-Termino esta mañana de explicar la materia señalada para el primer semestre escolar. L.D. B.que M.V.!
- 22-Hemos tenido Retiro espiritual.
- 23-Hoy me ha venido a visitar una familia amiga y me han traído un presente de Navidad, pero el P.Superior me concedió darselo a uno de los Estudiantes españoles que no recibio nada.
- 24-De buena gana me hubiera privado del sueño para asistir a la Misa de Gallo, pero me parecio mejor ir a descansar, con miras al trabajo del dia siguiente.
- 31-Nada especial durante estos dias.

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#### ENERO

- 77-Estos dias de vacacion los he dedicado al descanso, a la investigacion y al Ingles. En la oracion bastante seco y distraido.
- 28-Continúan la sequedad y distracciones. Comienzan esta tarde los EJERCICIOS ESPIRITUALES. Director, P.Patrick McPolin, C.M.F.

#### FEBRERO

- 2-Fin de los Ejercicios. Yo no se si en la presencia de Dios habré hecho algo fructuoso durante estos dias. Humanamente hablando creo que no. Han sido estos de los dias de mi vida mas secos y distraidos. Inutil para nada bueno. Es un estado terrible. Lo que he hecho se ha reducido a coíar a maquina algunas cosas referentes a Mi Ideal de Santidad, y a hacer los siguientes

Propositos:...

PROPOSITOS:

- 1) Procurar ser mas comunicativo en los recreos.
- 2) Poner mayor esfuerzo en hacer bien los actos de piedad de la mañana, especialmente ser mas activo en la Meditacion.
- 3) Vivir vida mas desreocupada de todo lo humano. No pensar ni hablar mal de nadie, ni aun de los enemigos de la Iglesia. Solo rogar por ellos y combatir las falsas doctrinas.

18-Siempre cuando predico homilias en Watts trato de hacerlo con las palabras mas sencillas y cuido de ir despacio, de modo que hasta he prescindido de escribir antes el sermón, para evitar la precipitacion al pronunciarlo. He notado que todo el auditorio me sigue muy atento; pero a pesar de todo, no habian dejado de venirme dudas de si me entenderian o no, porque es muy difícil bajar de las altas esferas científicas una vez a la semana. Con el fin de cerciorarme, tuve esta mañana ocasion de preguntar a una Señora si en verdad me entendian: Ella me respondió llanamente que no me entendian:

-Porque usaba palabras que ellos no saben.

-Porque voy muy a prisa.

-Porque no tengo acento mejicano.

Para colmo, añadí que ni el Sto. Evangelio entendian bien, (y eso que la traduccion que uso es pobrisima, como hecha para mejicanos que habitan aqui en E.U.). No estaremos los PP. Españoles perdiendo el tiempo?.

Dios y la Madre tengan misericordia de nosotros y de estas pobres y buenas gentes! Amen.

19-Me quedare esta Semana Sta. en el Colegio, para hacer de Subdiacono en los servicios de Jueves, Viernes y Sabado.

Fuimos a celebrar a la Placita el Sto. del P. Llobet. En tales reuniones fraternales siempre me desagradan muchísimo las distinciones de personas que hacen los mas de los Padres Americanos.

21-Esta noche a las 7 fui a oír confesiones a la Iglesia del Sacred Heart (Compton). Volví a casa a las 12'10. El P. me dio un presente de 10\$.

22-Parece que las ceremonias de la mañana han salido muy bien. He pasado algunos ratos con Jesus durante el dia. Me ha desagradado el que nadie se quedara a velar con Jesus por la noche, como lo haciamos en Espana. De buena gana me hubiera quedado yo toda la noche, pero mi salud no muy fuerte aun y el tener que actuar en los servicios de la mañana del Viernes me detuvieron de hacerlo. Con todo, me quede una hora. Hora felicisima. Unido a Jesus corazon con corazon. Sin penas distracciones. Participando de sus gozos y de sus penas... Aun el fervor sensible me inundaba. Como si nunca hubiera sentido distracciones y sequedades. Al fin no acertaba a separarme de Jesus. Ni lo hubiera hecho a no ser por las causas antes apuntadas. Gracias, Jesus mio!

23-Hoy me levante una hora y 15 minutos antes que la Comunidad, para volver a la compania de Jesus. Tambien fue tiempo dichoso en verdad, aunque no tanto como ayer, por causa de la imaginacion. Los servicios de esta mañana han salido muy bien. En el santo de la Pasion hice de Sinagoga. Hoy tenemos Retiro espiritual.

IMPRESIONES GENERALES:

Como V.R. puede observar, hay bastantes dias en que nada he apuntado. Y es que no ha ocurrido cosa especial, fuera de

lo que recojo en las impresiones siguientes, que se extienden a toda esta temporada.

- 1) Tentaciones: No he tenido muchas; pero en general han sido fuertes y persistentes, de modo que ha las veces me han hecho sufrir bastante moralmente, especialmente las de impaciencia e impureza.
- 2) Las distracciones y sequedades me han atormentado terriblemente, (aun durante la Sta. Lisa algunos días), en especial a partir de las Navidades. No será esto castigo por mis infidelidades a la gracia?. Sin embargo he procurado no omitir ningún acto de piedad, ni de devoción particular, a no ser algunos por olvido u ocupación.
- 3) No ha dejado el Sr. de enviarme algunos sufrimientos físicos. Desde luego, el dolor del costado izquierdo-al que a veces se une dificultad en la respiración-no han desaparecido aun, aunque el Dr. dijo que no encontraba nada especial.  
Pero además, estos meses he tenido una llaga en pierna izquierda, a la que algunos días han acompañado dolores reumáticos, que vienen y van con el mal tiempo. Hoy me encuentro practicamente bien.
- 4) Por lo demás, he procurado estudiar, (además de las asignaturas que enseno), el Ingles y Mistica. Cuidando de seguir-por otro lado-su consejo de alimentarme bien y descansar, como tambien me lo tiene dicho el P. Secretario Provincial y otros. Creo que en este respecto he ganado bastante. Benditos por siempre Jesus, Maria y Jose! Amen.

Ruegue por mi y bendigame de corazon.

Suyo affmo. s.s. y H. in C.O.M.

*José Gallego c.m.f.*

(Dominguez-Marzo, 23, 1951)



Galdácano a 30 del 9 del 51.

R. P. Juan Luis Illaurrea.

Mi queridísimo tío:

Después de este forzoso porreón  
tesis estival un tanto duro para mí por causa del servicio  
militar como tú sabes, me dirijo nuevamente a ti después  
de haber obtenido la flamante estrella de oficial del Ejército.  
No ha sido tarea fácil, toda vez que este verano han ocu-  
rrido cosas muy raras en el campamento, pero gracias a Dios  
todo acabó felizmente para mí.

De lo referente a aquella farsa de que te hablé  
no hay nada. Hay un viejo proverbio que dice que el hombre  
propone y Dios dispone. Quizá estubiera equivocado y en  
la obediencia del momento no tuve la suficiente brevedad para  
ver las cosas claramente. De este asunto no volveré a hablarte  
nuevamente y te agradecería que no me preguntases nada  
sobre el particular, ni lo comentases con nadie, pues eres  
el primero y único que conociste esta mi ilusoncilla que  
ya pasó.

Como recordarás, el 14 de este mes fue la fiesta  
patronal de este pueblo. Hemos tenido 8 días ininterrumpi-



dos de fiestas, y el domingo 16, como día principal, estuvieron aquí a comer entre otros familiares, la tía Julia Pachito. Después de 3 meses de "destierro" sin ver un solo ser civilizado (el campamento está emplazado en lugar desértico del todo) tú verás con qué agrado se goza de estos días de expansión. El tío Joaquín estuvo aquí el 14 y se fue el 15 por la mañana. El mismo día a la noche llegaba yo, y no pude por tanto hablar con él. Le escribí, y me contestó con una de esas floreadas cartas tan prodigiosas en él y que tan bien se le dan ya que en ellas deja a su libre albedrío a ese arte tan suyo como extraordinario.

- ¿Qué se dice por ahí de la guerra?
- ¿Hay peligro inminente de que se entienda?
- ¿Qué tal se opina de los españoles ahora?

Hasta cuando quieras, recibe el saludo de tu familia y un fuerte abrazo de tu sobrino

Juan Luis



Bilbao 10-4-51

R. P.

Alfonso Beltrán C. M. F.  
Los Angeles

Querido tío:

Hece unos dias estuve pensando en que no estaria mal que algun miembro de la familia te hiciese una visitita, pero claro esto fue en un momento de esos en que uno piensa mucho las cosas. No cabe duda de que ellapa para nosotros seria una gran ilusion pero... la realidad nos hizo bajar del sueño 1º: Queremos innovar la moneda del idioma, por ser distinto 2º: Que incluso para viaje de turismo hay que ser reclamado por persona que se encuentre en el pais donde se va ya a realizar el mismo y 3º: La cuestion de divisas ya que como aqui se anda mal y la verdad es que aqui la peseta no vale nada, asi que apesar del entusiasmo con que habiamos acompañado a la idea de verte, todos estos puntos nos hicieron ver claro.

En fin si Dios quiere ya lo haremos algun dia. Yo (era el miembro destinado a verte) estaba decidida a aprender Ingles a velocidad poniendo incluso horas extraordinarias para aprenderlo. I habia pensado que podia hacer dolares para los gastos de aqui llevando cosas de aqui que fuesen estimadas y que aunque fuesen de valor me permitieran sacar ya que yo de ir iria en avion y claro ya sabo que segun la categoria del billete permitian sacar y en proporcion directa al mismo el equipaje. De todas formas si me nosotros, el que tiene proyecto mas firme es el otro, el que espera en la Península, pero si por ejemplo se tocase Mexico, a lo mejor podria probar a verlo. Y que tu te encuentras bien, espero que el cargo de mi abigo no te preocupe. No hago cargo de que es bastante dificil, muchacho.



sacerdote. Asi que de ja  
mpensada si por lo me-

Yo recibí una carta suya. En cuanto a mi Espi-  
ritu, estoy hecha un lío. De todas formas mi di-  
rector me dice que no tengo vocación de monja.  
Sin embargo y a pesar de que José es tan buen  
mo cada día estoy más fría, así que opino que  
soy o una egoísta o de lo contrario que aún  
no sé lo que quiero.

Mamá, se cuida ahora,

[illegible]

directamente, no te preocupes.  
Papa y Pachito están muy bien  
y trabajando mucho y yo sigo muy bien.  
Gracias a Dios de igual manera deseamos  
que te encuentres bien. Recibe mucho beso de  
todo y además el cariño de la más pe-  
sada de tus sobrinas.  
Amor Bere

Como habías notado mi funeral fue rápido. La razón fue que mamá me estaba esperando para que la acompañara a la modista. Le está acicalando para la boda de Ties que si Dios quiere será el próximo domingo a las 12. Les va a casar el tío Tosi y será padrino Pachito. La sabes que Ties es después de Jacinta la chica que más tiempo hemos temido. ¡Ah! El padrinito está muy bien y me dé recuerdos para ti, así como la Comunidad de las Carmelitas, las cuales conservan un vivo y especialísimo recuerdo de ti. Hasta pronto tío querido

Mt. Angel Seminary

St. Benedict, Oregon

October 9, 1951

Dear Father Aloysius,

This letter to you is long overdue. Life back in the seminary has been no easy matter, in fact the hardest it has ever been. But the help of your prayers and my mother's prayers and sacrifices has given me graces and a great urge to give God my best. I was almost attending UCLA before I spoke to you.

I think my greatest fault lies in not being consistent. I'm as flighty as a jet and my emotions run high. I'm mood crazy. It's been that way up here but it isn't going to last. I've started out full of vigor only to bog down in the middle. Constancy is a virtue I've never had and what a time to start striving for it.

Of all you told me two things made the greatest impression. I must pray, pray and pray and never forsake it. And when memories of things I shouldn't be remembering come on, I must immediately push them out.

God has been good to me, Father, and I will never be able to repay him, nor you, through whom God has given me this chance.

I will always remember you in prayers and at Mass.

Yours in Christ,

*Paul Bauman*

P.S.

Would like to hear from you.





ST. JUDE'S SEMINARY  
CLARETIAN MISSIONARIES, C.M.F.  
DIXIE HIGHWAY TELEPHONE MAIN 28  
MOMENCE, ILLINOIS

Oct. 9 1951

Dear Fr. A. Ellacuria. Two letters I owe you. As soon as the Brothers arrived I explained them how they through the mission-  
for were supposed to return to the mission-  
ciate the money left over from the trip.  
after repeating it several times I succeeded that Brother Phillip in charge of  
it return the money to me. On the  
same date I made the check. I told him  
to write the letter to accompany  
the check. and report about the trip.  
I told this to him about twenty times  
without result.  
Furthermore he told me you gave him  
permission to use part of the money  
left over to buy an electric razor for  
himself. Today I send bill the money  
left over with waiting any longer for  
his letter.

I find Bro. Sylvester a very special  
Character.... Brother Vern is Refectonary  
and assistant Tailor, - Brother Alvin  
is a very good Cook and a very good  
Religious....

I started this letter this morning.  
I was interrupted by the visit of Father  
Boyenecche from Cuba and Father Canals  
from Colombia. They are going to Rome

and to Spain - They gathered to five thousand  
required - and they got permission to go.  
This afternoon I took the Brothers  
to the Kankakee river - where they fished  
and had a winner roast - - and now  
I continue this letter.

May I ask you two favors. First to  
excuse my delay in answering your  
letter. Second to continue offering  
your prayers and sacrifices for  
the improvement and Perseverance  
of the three Brothers.

Fraternally yours in C M.

Joseph M. Dwyer, C.M.



J. M. J.

ST. MARY'S CONVENT,  
NOTRE DAME,  
INDIANA.

Oct 15<sup>th</sup> 1951

Rev. Aloysius Collacurria C.M.F.

Rev. Dear Father

I'm wondering what may be the trouble that I never hear from You, I have written so often, and no reply, or would it be possible that Your mail might be intercepted I have been most anxious to hear from You I have stipends that I been keeping thinking I would hear from You each day. now if I don't hear from You by return mail then I will refer them elsewhere, as I worry some about it hope You are well. I keep You in my prayers always I was sorry I did not have Father Joseph's address I would have forwarded same to him.

If I don't hear from You I won't worry You any more  
Thanking You for all Your kindness to me. I have been sick  
pray for me.

Sincerely Your friend in J. M. J.  
Sister M. Mildrida



*Carmelite Monastery of Cristo Rey*

721 Parker Avenue

San Francisco 18, California

October 17, 1951

My dear Sister Noel:

Your dear letter of September 23, has been awaiting a reply and though I had been unable to write you, you have been in my thoughts and prayers. I greatly appreciated your greetings and prayers for the feast of the Holy Angels, and do not know how to express my gratitude for your generosity. Today is the beautiful feast of the chosen Spouse of the Sacred Heart, St. Margaret Mary and I am praying this lovely Saint may tell you many things in my name and pray to the Heart of Jesus for all your intentions and especially for your dear brothers of whose spiritual need I am well aware and you can be sure they are having all our prayerful solicitude. I am sure this is a very heavy cross for you but I feel also confident that it does not discourage you but on the contrary increases your confidence in Him. The more we leave our dear ones to His Sacred Heart the more obliged He will feel to save them for us, there is so much we have to leave to His Omnipotent Love that we better leave it all to Him and have confidence in Him all the way through, don't you think so?

Mother Trinidad asks me to remember her to you very especially. Dear Mother has not been too well. She had been feeling better but this past week she had a setback and is not well at all, but she is very valiantly carrying on. Sally was surprised one day when we told her, her Mother Mistress had very much suffering and sleepless nights, and she said, but Mother is always smiling and we could never tell she is so sick" And that is true, never a word of complaint and always ready to do her duties. She is now quite busy with her little charges but they are so helpful and take good care of her. Sally is so solicitous to her.



Every day we are more delighted with our little postulant she is such a pure innocent soul, so wholesome and so joyous. She entertains her novices very much. We love her as you can imagine. I hope and know that she will be an excellent Carmelite. She is already counting the days for her investiture which will be sometime in the Spring. When you have an opportunity please tell Father Aloysius how very happy we are with the little angel he sent us and how we pray for him in return for this gift of our little Sally! Kindly give him our kindest regards. Confidentially, we are hoping he will be able to come to Sally's clothing, God willing. We have not hinted it to him yet but will when the time comes. I shall now close my dear Sister, with closest union of prayer and assuring you of many remembrances before the Tabernacle

Affectionately yours in Christ,

Marie de los Angeles L.D.

J. M. J.

Saint Mary-of-the-Wasatch  
Salt Lake City, Utah.  
October 21, 1951

Dear Father Alagisino,  
May Our Blessed Mother  
obtain for you very many  
special graces and blessings  
upon the feast of Christ  
The King. I know that  
She must love you very  
much and that She always  
prays for you. And I  
am most grateful to  
you, dear Father Alagisino,  
for your kind interest

in me and for your prayers  
and sacrifices. I have so much  
far which to thank you.  
Today I was reading in "The  
Storm of Glory" about The Little  
Flower, how she said never to  
 fret over the past nor the  
future, and the author says -  
it is just what Our Lord says  
when He tells us to "seek ye  
first The Kingdom of God and  
His Justice and These things shall  
be added unto you." I remember  
you said to me - "Never worry  
at all!" Please pray that I may  
be able to do just that.

Words cannot express my thanks  
for the High Mass you offered  
for me, to The Holy Trinity, on  
the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August. You must have  
made a big sacrifice to give  
me that special day which  
means everything to you. I deeply  
appreciate what you have done.  
May Our Dear Lord bless you.  
And I thank you too, for the  
special relic of dear St. Anthony  
Mary, your Father. I cherish it  
and the prayer to Our Lord

wounded Shoulder. I am not  
too good about the Spiritual  
Reading and no doubt I miss  
the many graces Our Lord  
has in store for me. But  
please God, I'll make an  
effort to do better. Gladly  
gave me "The Life and  
Revelations of St. Gertrude,"  
and I know that pleases you.  
We are also reading "The Great  
Mantle," the life of Bl. Pius X.  
I do not forget your Tuesdays -  
unless someone dies and then  
I give the nearest day. May  
Our Immaculate Mother Mary  
make you like Her Divine  
Son. Please always pray  
for all of our family.  
Very Gratefully in J. M. J.  
Sister Mary of The Passion



5736 Lexington Avenue  
Hollywood 38

October 23, 1951.

Dear Father Aloyisius:

We hope we will have the pleasure of your presence at our next meeting Friday, October 26th. If satisfactory, John will call for you at the usual time.

I called to see you Saturday but missed you. Mrs. Ruth O'Connor, one of our members, wanted you to say a mass for her son who has been stricken with polio. He is 25 years old and the father of two children. Please pray for him.

We hope to have several new members at the next meeting. We are going along slowly but prayerfully in the hope that our Blessed Mother will direct her friends to us.

If all come who promised to come we should have eight or nine members at the meeting.

Please continue to pray for us as we need your kindly encouragement and spiritual guidance.

Sincerely yours

In Christ

*Margaret A. Liling*

I. H. M.

**Immaculate Heart College**

LOS FELIZ AND WESTERN AVENUE

Los Angeles 27, California

October 24, 1951

Reverend and dear Father Aloysius:

I am enclosing a Mass stipend with a request for a Mass to be offered for the Souls in Purgatory - by you, if you can say it, or by one of the other priests. I am facing a rather serious problem among the boarders and, since I have called upon the Holy Souls before, I am hoping for their help again.

I don't know exactly what gave me the impression that I would have more time at my disposal this year, for it seems to me that I have less as the days go by. Being busy is good for me, I know, and the responsibility of a hundred girls certainly should keep my mind occupied. You were only too right in saying that there would be many times when I would be expected to give advice, but I don't know when I have felt so utterly inadequate. At least I am being made to realize that one cannot give what one does not have, but I hope that in the meantime the girls are not suffering by that lack.

Please don't forget me in your prayers, Father, for I need them.

Sincerely in Mary's Heart,

*Sister Mary Louise, I.H.M.*



J. M. J.  
ST. MARY'S CONVENT,  
NOTRE DAME,  
INDIANA.

October 26th 1951

Rev. Aloysius Ellacuria C.M.F.

Rev. Dear Father

I can never tell You how happy Your letter made me that I had not heard from You in so many months

Thank God You are well, and I see holding the same responsible task, everently Our Lady wants You in the care of Her would be loving Sons of Her Immaculate Heart.

Oh Yes I pray for You and them to be all she so desires, also for Father Joseph Mary. Thank You for holy Cards & prayer leaflet. I will make a novena to Your saintly Founder for all Your intentions. I'm feeling better again, inclosed find little picture of Father Pio, it was sent to me by a young man who was at his mass, and talked with him, pray for Fr. Pio, who is suffering intensely at times, some times he is unable to offer his holy mass no doubt suffering for the world, that is turning away from God, I hope little Sister M. Medatrix is well no doubt suffering also, include her in this mass offering that I'm sending for You and Your dear Brother, tell her I'm praying for her.

inclosed find mass offerings, I'm so happy to have Your permanent address so as to forward them to You, I worried to have them on hand. from time to time, I will send You some more.  
God love You.



mass offerings

In honor of the Sacred Heart, and the Blessed Mother, in thanksgiving for favours received through the intercession of Saint John Vianney & Saint Philomena.

~~One~~ One in honor of the Sacred Heart and Our Lady, for Father James Bennis, for his spiritual and temporal needs, especially good health.

One in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes, to obtain the cure of Doctor Overth Jones, hands who is suffering intensely from a disease, he picked up in the navy during the two in Japan he has never been cured, no matter what treatment applied, only to grow worse of late. He fears the loss of his hands, he is an ardent Catholic, a daily Communicant for years, a wonderful surgeon, and so good to the poor, please Father ask Our Lady to cure him.

One for all Arch Bishops, Bishops, Priests, and Brothers, & Sisters suffering persecution in Europe and in China.

One For all Your own spiritual and temporal needs and intentions, as well as those of Your dear Brother, Father Joseph Mary.

find offerings inclosed. Thanking You dear Father for all Your holy prayers for me God and Mary love and keep You always within their Hearts  
as ever Your Sister in J. M. J.

Sister M. Mildreda

Father this dollar  
just came after Your holy Mass  
for all the intentions of the healing  
family living no body only  
the one for Dr. Jones  
and the one for Your own  
intentions Thank You  
Love Dr. M. M.





J. M. J.  
ST. MARY'S CONVENT,  
NOTRE DAME,  
INDIANA.

Please Father  
if you receive  
my letter  
write me  
I hope you

Rev. Aloysius Mallacuria, C.M.F.

Rev. Dear Father.

Oh do You really enjoy keeping me worried  
please do let me know if You received my letter  
containing the six offerings, that I listed along with  
a little picture of Father Pio.  
I kept those offerings so long, because You never  
told me about Your permanent address. now You  
fail to let me know if You received them, only to keep  
me worried. Did You ever read the life of the Saintly  
Soul of Sister Josefa Menendez. Our Lord appeared to her  
frequently. She would tell Him she could not remain  
with Him, that she had her duties to attend to even  
to sweeping the floor, so You tell Him You must not  
remain in ecstasy so long that You have duties to  
perform, and now be a good little priest and drop  
a line telling me, You received the intentions is all  
I ask I know You will offer them when ever convenient.  
hope You are well, do please excuse my shaky hand  
my heart is on the brink of late. You and Yours are in  
my prayers. Thank You Father, for Yours in my  
behalf. (see over)

Inclosed find two Offerings for Your Holy Mass  
One in honor of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception  
for the cure of Doctor Jones hands, to obtain a complete  
cure, and one for the moorse family, a blessing on  
their new home, and the light of true faith, add all  
Your own intentions also.

Thanking You, I am as ever Your Sister in Holy Cross  
Sister M. Mildred

J. M. J. St. John's Hospital  
Santa Monica  
California

Reverend Father Aloysius:

Dear Father:

Enclosed please  
find Mass stipends for the  
following:

- 1- Mass for your intention
- 1- For recovery of Richard Hunter  
if is God most Holy Will.
- 1- Mrs. Anna Heitzel - R. I. P.
- 1- Holy Souls in Purgatory.
- 1- For return of fall Priests. That  
the graces and blessing from  
the mass may touch their  
heart so that they will return  
to Our Dear Lord.

If it is possible Father, I would  
like for you to offer the Mass for

the recovery of Richard Hunter.

His father, who is a doctor also a Mormon, came to me one evening asking if I would do something for him, he started crying, I told him if it were in my power I would help him. He told me his son had met with an accident. He was on a scaffold and the scaffolding fell, he has been paralyzed since.

This evening I was talking to Dr. Trucher, he asked if I would sent you this check for Masses for his intention. He would also like for you to say a special prayer for a project he has in mind.

I take this opportunity to thank you for your beautiful Christmas Card also the Holy pictures.

May Our Divine Lord and Master bless you abundantly is the prayer of,

Sister Mary Eunice

(over)



Father, what book would you  
suggest I use for spiritual  
reading.

I thank you.

OUR LADY ACADEMY

MANTENO, ILLINOIS

PHONE 2351

Rev. Alayncius Ellacuria  
1119 West Chester Pl.  
Los Angeles 6, Calif.

Dear Father,

There is really just a brief note asking you to remember Francis, Sister Mary Mediatrix in a special way. I shall write later about the matter.

Please pray earnestly that I may profit by the grace of God which He so generously gives. To draw closer to Him to suffer with Him is becoming an ever stronger desire, yet, I am so weak.

It is often that I remember to pray for you and reread your admonitions to me.

Thank you.

Sister St. Sebastian.

MOTHER HOUSE  
SISTERS OF CHARITY OF LEAVENWORTH  
XAVIER, KANSAS

Reverend Father Aloysius C.M.F.  
1119 Westchester Place  
Los Angeles, California

Reverend and dear Father:

Sister Ann Raymond brought home the Crucifixes. I am so happy to have mine. I gave the other three to the other Sisters.

I do hope that you are praying for me as I need prayers very much right now. I am most unhappy at the present time. Maybe you will have some influence with the dear Lord so that He will straighten things out.

Thanks very much for the crucifixes,

Pray for

  
Sister M. Lorian

J.M.J.

Saint Mary - of - the - Visitation  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Father Aloysius,

May you enjoy a  
wonderful Happy Birthday  
and feast of St. Aloysius.  
I know Our Lord will  
draw you very close to  
His dear Sacred Heart.  
I am offering five Holy  
Cross Days for you.

Thank you very much  
for all your prayers  
and sacrifices for me.  
They have helped me  
a great deal. I beg you  
to pray for me during



this Retreat which begins  
this evening. Fr. Le Arnault  
a Dominican from The  
School of Sacred Theology  
at St. Marys, Notre Dame,  
Indiana is conducting it.  
We have three conferences  
and each one is preceded  
by The Rosary of Our Lady -  
so She will help us.

Now, Reverend Father,  
I'll have to say Goodbye.  
Thank you so much for  
your last kind letter. I  
shall try to be faithful  
to spiritual reading and Prayer.

May Our Dear Lord love  
bless and keep you always.

Very Gratefully,  
Sister Mary of the Passion.

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R. P. Aloysius Ellacuria C. M. F. Balbas 11-3-51  
Los Angeles

Mi querido tío:

He vuelto aquí de nuevo escribiéndote otra vez. Hoy he terminado los Santos Ejercicios y esta tarde fui con mamá a recibir la pública bendición dada por nuestro Obispo en la plaza de Santiago. La multitud llenaba toda su extensión y todos grandes y pequeños cantaban mos incesantemente poniendo toda nuestra alma al hacerlo. ¡Qué momento sublime aquel en que la Nueva Forma en manos de nuestro prelado iba de arriba a abajo y de izquierda a derecha derramando gracia sobre todos nosotros. ¡Y pensar que haya quien haya de Jesús y que yo misma lo haga tan frecuentemente. Este queridísimo tío me produce una pena hondísima y me hace ver lo malo y poco que soy y lo osada que me siento cuando recibo al Señor. Pero es que él es tan bueno y tan amoroso que no mira la arilla de que estamos hechos y viene a nuestras almas llenas de volcancos como amor. ¡Qué bien y qué suerte tenemos los cristianos con esta ayuda. Estoy muy contenta por esto y además y tan frecuentemente me he acordado de ti en estos días que no he querido dejar que pasara hoy sin que supieras una y otra. ¿Por qué será que siempre que te tengo en mi memoria mi espíritu se reconcentra más y soy mejor? Es verdad que todos te debemos mucho, pero de esto aún hoy no nos hemos dado completa cuenta, ya que cada día que pasa te estamos más agradecidos por qué tu principal regalo no fue material, ya que lo más preciado que nos diste fue tu amor sencillo y abnegado a



Jesús, tu fervor y tu esplendor sin regateo  
para comunicarnoslos.

Tio querido sigo muy bien  
en mis relaciones, pero a veces me asalta una  
idea. Serviré yo bien a Jesús de esta manera? No  
lo haria mejor siendo religiosa? Estos temores siem-  
pre me los ha disipado el tio José (nunca le hice  
la pregunta como cosa personal) diciendo que las mu-  
jeres somos o tenemos épocas en que debemos sentir  
la vocación. Por eso estos temores de ahora solo te  
los digo a ti y lo que vaya sintiendo te lo iré  
comunicando para que tú me lo aclares. ¿Se parece  
bien? Estoy convencida que soy la sobrina que  
más carga te da y que me he apenas de causar  
te más trabajo aún que el que ya tiene. Pero  
como es que tengo toda mi confianza en ti  
por eso te molesto tanto y te distraigo tan fre-  
cuentemente.

Acompañando a mi última pero en  
otro sobre irán las fotografías de la tia Juli y de  
mujeres. Ahora y después te mando unas  
en las que podrás conocer a José, te advierto que  
te quiere ya mucho.

Bueno tio por lo demás todo  
siguimos trabajando pero muy bien. Solo nos falta  
la alegría de que papá haga los ejercicios por ello  
he pedido hoy y he ofrecido mi Comunión. Se  
mandan sus besos y yo lo hago igual con todo  
carino, tu sobrina

Mano Ose

My Dear Father:-

Tuesday  
Nov. 4-1951

This is the second letter I have started to write you to thank you for seeing me. I felt for many weeks before that day. If I could only have your blessing that some way I would be helped and my dear Father I was.

I have many doubts but some how I am sure they will be taken away.

I did go to Father Williams that night after I saw you, and went to communion the next morning. He was a great help. I am now trying to just drift along day by day as I feel that will help my mental state. I am



trying very hard to leave all these things in the hands of the Sorrowful Mother whom I have had a great devotion to for many years.

Remember every morning at six - thirty when you start your mass that you are remembering me. I also pray for you.

Sincerely yours

Cecilia McManaman

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Bilbao 11-7-51

R. P. Flopino Olacuria O.H.T.  
Los Angeles

Quendisono tío. Con el principio del mes llega también la hora de bailar contigo. Por aquí todo estamos bien, mamá ha enflaquecido bastante pero está más fuerte y quizá con menos tensión. Papá trabajando un poquito, pero contento y de nosotros dos te dire.

Pachito se hizo novio de una chica de 19 años hija de unos clientes y amigos de papá. Muchos años tienen sus padres negocio de tejido (por parte de su madre) y su padre planea hacer negocio así que es bastante rica, pero no es esto solo lo que nos encanta. Bien más bien la chica es que a pesar de su corta edad es una mujerita hecha y derecha ya que tiene una gran disposición para todas las labores domésticas y sabe hacer y deshacer ya en toda esta organización, en fin, que lo mismo hace de muchacha que de señorita. En esto se parece un poco a mi y creemos sea la clase de chica que convenga a Pachito porque el día de mañana habrá tal vez de ayudarlo un poco en el negocio.

Lo reñí con Toñi. Esta rotura tiene ya casi un mes de tiempo. Cada día estoy más contenta de haberla llevado a cabo. Días tal vez que soy una veleta por que cambio frecuentemente de forma de pensar pero yo creo que aun no ha llegado mi momento. Me llevaba muy bien con él y en los ocho meses de relaciones solamente habíamos tenido dos enfados sin importancia, pero a medida que el tiempo transcurría yo me daba cuenta que lo que sentía por él no era suficiente para llegar al matrimonio así que pensé dejarlo y para ello seguí el procedimiento de mi



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salí todos los días poniendo como disculpa fúti-  
les pretextos, Claro está que de esta manera en-  
seguida empecé a sospechar algo raro y sin espe-  
rar mucho me puse a ver que me pasaba.  
Entonces le expuse mis razonamientos hablando  
le claramente y diciéndole que había llegado  
a la conclusión que nuestras relaciones no podían  
seguir así ya que nos perjudicaban a am-  
bos. Él comprendió que tenía razón y termina-  
mos, pero quedados como amigos. Ahora bien,  
quizá yo precipitara esta ruptura porque a raíz  
de todo esto fui al dentista (uno nuevo) al  
que yo conocía de vista muchísimo. Un chico  
de un aspecto estupendo, de unos 36, o 38 años  
vasco (Ramón de Aztaza), este chico pareció de-  
mostrar algún interés por mí y apesar de sa-  
ber que yo tenía novio (él es amigo de mi médico,  
compañero de José) me hablaba de una forma  
un tanto extraña y me hacía preguntas un  
tanto indiscretas acerca de mí y de mi no-  
viado. Cuando se enteró que lo había dejado  
se empeñó en que fuese a Lopeana (lugar de  
veraneo, donde él tiene la casa solariega, próxima  
a Algorta) con una amiga aludiendo que él  
llevaría otro amigo y que los cuatro lo pasarían  
muy bien. Después nos vimos dos veces  
en el café y él con su amigo y yo con mi ami-  
ga hicimos muchos proyectos para el verano.  
Solo hemos ido a bailar un día y otro fui  
mos de excursión un domingo en que por  
la mañana nos dedicamos a recorrer en  
bote Las Arenas, Neguri y arribamos a  
Lanturue a la hora de la comida. Este  
día nos presentó al dueño de la embar-  
cación que es cuñado suyo. Porque este chi-



co es viudo (desde hace dos o tres años) y tiene dos  
hijas de 4 y 3 años. Esto sucedió este último  
domingo. De su comportamiento he de decirte  
que no puede ser mas correcto ni mas fino pe-  
ro tambien raro. A veces me hace preguntas  
serias, por las cuales yo me he hecho muchas  
ilusiones y despues de estas se pone al lado  
de mi amiga y la acompaña incluso a  
su casa, mandándome a mi con su amigo  
a la mia. Así que tio tiene aqui más entu-  
siasmada que nunca por un chico por el que  
no sé a que atenerme, el asunto es un po-  
co complejo y yo empleo muy mal la pluma  
para darte una explicación completa, así que  
no sé si podrías comprender todas las fases por  
las que estoy pasando, pero puedes creer que  
necesito que pidas por mi y para que esto  
se me allare, por que mi hermano mi viro  
tranquila. Lo veo que tiene la pega de las  
dos penas y sin embargo y apesar de todo  
si el me quiere yo le diría que si sin  
reserva alguna. Pero lo veo tan mal, pide  
por mi tio. De todas formas tengo la convicción  
de que seré siempre muy desgraciada con  
los chicos y que nunca llegaré a conseguir  
al hombre que como este me guste. Así  
que ya ves como estoy este mes. Te escribiré  
si durante el tenga alguna buena novedad.  
Porque por una parte pienso que tio es gran-  
de y que si el quiere todo puede ser. Recibe  
recuerdos del Pladino y de las chicas de casa.  
Papá mamá y mi hermano te mandan mu-  
chos besos y abrazos y yo te vuelvo a pedir que  
ahora más que nunca me tengas presente y ya  
sabes que nunca podré olvidarte y que mi cariño



o para mi tio más querido porque tu eres  
mi guía en mi pobre espíritu, te quiero mu-  
chísimo tu sobrina

Mary Gere

Nov 8, 1951

Dear Father Aloysius:

Wanted to let you know that we have our little Kathleen home. She is doing well. Thank God she has held off a lot of the usual reaction and we were able to bring her home with us.

It will be a long hard pull as the doctors claim it takes a six months to a year wait before the results are definite. We know it was only prayer that helped her through the operations.

Thank you Fr. Aloysius.  
Kathleen still needs your love.  
God bless you always. Catherine & John

P.S.

Am sending you a little note  
up the local paper carrier. They  
made a mistake as Kathleen had  
already been over the third (and  
final, we hope) operation. Just  
thought you would enjoy seeing it.

J.M.

November 9, 1951.

Reverend Aloysius Ellacuria, C. M. F.  
Claretian Monastery,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Father Aloysius,

May I ask you at your convenience, to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the repose of the souls of my loved ones. I would also appreciate a little memento for my nephew, Fr. James O'Callaghan, of St. Anthony's, Long Beach, whose health is seriously impaired from overwork. Perhaps you have met him.

I have not heard of or from Mrs. Hall for several months. I shall try to arouse her once again. It is not easy to rebuild a lost faith. I know many like her. They get so indifferent, so self-complaisant. The good Lord is generous in giving, and with prayer and perseverance we may be able to break down "their enclosed wall".

Some months ago I had a delightful visit with dear Mrs. Valla, and her granddaughter, Maria. We spoke of you, and of your tremendous responsibility, training souls for the priesthood. She is a remarkable person, and I am truly happy to have her as a friend. Her great faith and her piety carry through to her children. This you know better than I.

I was happy to know that David Clark is now teaching in Compton. This is a step forward for the dear boy. He has had a heavy cross to bear in his ill-health, and consequent delay in reaching the cherished goal--the priesthood. He has been patient and persevering, the good Lord will not be unmindful of his sacrifice.

Before I close may I ask you to say a little extra AVE for my eyes. Considerable pain, especially in right eye, for several weeks. I am glad to give, as much as He asks, but there is always a danger of letting our opportunities lose some of their worth, by delay in accepting and OFFERING. I am so grateful for your daily memento and for the worthwhile notes you have sent me. May the good Lord spare you to encourage and to guide souls for many more years.

Sincerely in J. M.

SISTER MARY XAVIERIA.



I know Dr. H.:. He is coming & will  
pray for his health & your intentions.

¡Viva Cristo Rey!

SAN SEBASTIAN. A 9 de Noviembre de 1951.

Marcelina y Vicente y B. R. Juan Luis de Elia Curia, E. M. F., LOS ANGELES.

Queridísimo Juan Luis: Tengo que empezar por pedirte perdón de haberte tenido tan olvidado en la correspondencia epistolar, aun cuando siempre estaba para escribirte. Por fin me decidí a hacerlo después de los puntos esta noche, porque no quiero que pase más tiempo, sin cumplir contigo y sin quitar el motivo que nos da pensar de olvido e ingratitud. En gran parte se debe este retraso en escribirte a la múltiple y ardua actividad a que he tenido que atender durante meses entrados. Cuando concluyas de leer esta cartita comprenderás bastante los motivos de mi involuntaria y ciertamente inculpable demora, para escribir a un hermano a quien de corazón idolatro y cuya influencia noto de muy cerca, y gracias a Dios.

Que el Señor te diga bendiciendo en ese santo Noviciado que voy francamente a la enhorabuena, porque te han relegado en ese difícil cargo de Maestro de Novicios. Ha sido el mayor alegrón que me he podido llevar sobre ti, el saber que eres reelegido. Muy bien, querido Juan Luis.

Noticias de la familia. En Calidacano siguen muy bien, a Dios gracias. Juan Julián terminó felizmente su carrera y es actualmente Alférez del Ejército Español. Es un muchacho de eximias cualidades y que promete en verdad muchísimo. Quisiera que hubiera los 6 meses de servicio, como Oficial del Ejército Español aquí en San Sebastián.

Maria Luisa sigue muy bien y María Antonia, salud, bien Miguel siempre tan simpático y feliz y los hermanos Milagros es una calamidad para los novicios. Excesivamente inocente y desapasionada, no vale para la vida de matrimonio; es una bendición, como se conservan tan inocentes estas criaturas; es una de las chicas más inocentes que conozco, entre decenas de preclaro tanto lento e ingenio sutil. Gracias a Dios, a su profundo y piadoso espíritu.

Hipólito y Pedro, bien. Marye, hermana un novio (diferente del médico ginecólogo, a quien razonablemente dejó, por las demostraciones que tuvo de egoísmo) nuevo, de verdad porvenir. No sería nada difícil que se pudieran hacer una visita, cuando se casaran. Parece que se casan asarse para Mayo próximo.

Vendrás para el Templo. Votación? Pachito, hecho ya un excelente comerciante. Siempre te he dicho que me has gustado mucho Pachito, porque es un auténtico Euzkari, a la vez más que ningún otro ser vivo. Tanto Pachito como Angelchu se parecen al difunto Ignacio y a nuestro santo Padre Ramón. El negocio les va regular; ni bien ni mal. Pachito comercia muchos por su cuenta y parece que va aprendiendo bastante de su oficio que bastante de su oficio. Su padre, a su vez, es muy eficaz y muy eficaz.

Julián y Quintas bien. Natividad, hermana de un carretero de Bedin, que se encuentra en el Templo de Calidacano. ¿Qué te parece? Exagero al decir que es un cocodrilo, pero ciertamente que es un muchacho labradory a quien vimos ante las vacas cuando egresábamos del aniversario de nuestra Madre, viniendo con nosotros la Julia. Sus relaciones con Poli, excelentes. También van bien las relaciones de Mari y Hipólito.

El hermano



Viva Cristo Rey!

No hay noticias particulares sobre los sobrinitos de Yurre.  
El Señor que me ilumine sobre el particular.

En cuanto a mi OPTIMISTA MIL POR CIENTO. Te acordarás que, a raíz de mi visita a San Sebastián, te escribí diciendo que TENIA MUCHOS PLANES, que Dios mediante, pensaba realizar. Todos aquellos planes han sido ya férvida y sonriente realidad... Me propuse tener un equipo de altavoces particulares y los compré. Otro equipo de altavoces, en número de 14 para la iglesia; y los puse; Me propuse poner bancos en el Santuario del Corazón de María y compré 50 bancos nuevos y otros 13 reformados, aparte de los que antes había, en número de unos 25. Es una preciosa familia la de la Iglesia del Corazón de María en San Sebastián. He reformado los bancos y puesto otros nuevos. Me propuse hacer una nueva catequesis y gracias a Dios, la hice; Me propuse hacer un Roperio del Corazón de María, para educación de las jóvenes y niños de la parroquia y lo hice, con el aplauso del M.R.P. Provincial y del P. Gervasio e Iruarrizaga, sobre todo y de la gente que me rodea. He reformado varias cosas en la sacristía y los órganos están en número de once bien disciplinados y modernos. Las funciones vespertinas. Cuando vine aquí, y me decía cuando me encontraba en el mundo que era un centro, y un servidor mismo estaba convencido de que así era en efecto, también dije, entre despectivo: "¡Yo solo necesito que me dejen trabajar!" Y hoy voy a agradecer a mi amigo que me ha dado un tanto a esta parte, puesto que me ha dado un gran interés. Preciso, canto, tomo decisiones y solo lo que equivale en dinero mis obras emprendidas en la zona. Me he escrito a mí mismo al M.R.P. Provincial la cantidad de CIENTO NUEVE MIL QUINIENTAS PESETAS, en pago, gracias a Dios y a tus oraciones. Yo noto muy eficazmente tu ayuda y proximidad espiritual. Sigue rogando por mí, como decíasme en una carta, "¡Dios ORANTE ANTE EL SEÑOR!" Si ahorita sale bien las empresas, he hecho como nadie por esta casa, desde su fundación. Tenemos un postulado en esta casa, se preciben preferentemente las vocaciones sacerdotales y religiosas. Un abrazo a todos y a ti Luis y a los que me rodean. Un día, que me acordaré, volveré a escribir dentro de muy pocas semanas.

Tu hermano.



BENSON-QUINN Co.  
SIXTH FLOOR GRAIN EXCHANGE  
MINNEAPOLIS

RUPERT M. QUINN  
PRESIDENT

November 15, 1951

Dear Father Alloysius

Your letter of November 13  
was sincerely appreciated.

I was talking with Mother  
a few days ago at which time I  
told her of my letter to you.

It is so gratifying to know that  
you celebrated High Mass for Dad  
as you say time passes quickly. He  
had such an exemplary life and  
set such a wonderful example to  
his family. If I can emulate his life  
in fact I will do very well.

I am forwarding your letter to Mother  
because it will please her. She is getting  
along fine, enjoying good health and  
gets over to Long Beach to see Mother Miriam  
once or twice a month.

I do want you to know Father how  
grateful I am to you. Heavily  
Rupert Quinn



J. M. J. T.  
Carmel of Saint Teresa  
215 East Alhambra Road  
Alhambra, California

Nov. 15, 1951

Pax Christi

Rev. Fr. Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.  
1119 Westchester Pl.  
Los Angeles 6, Calif.

My dear Father:

Please forgive me for waiting so long to write to you, but I have been awaiting the Archbishop's reply about our foundation, but we have not heard from him. May be our Lord wants us to wait and I am sure it is best. Quite a few little troubles have originated lately, which must go with every foundation.

Should I resist our be passive? This was one of my most important questions when you were here but I forgot it --being so excited.

I am trying to love our Lord with all my heart, but I allow it seems everything to distract me from my Jesus. I feel sure you are praying for me.

Last week our Lord took me off--I mean I lost my senses--and when I came to, I was so filled with joy, I knew I must have been with Him.

I have all your intentions in my prayers.

May I sign myself,  
Your little sister in Christ,

*St. Marie Therise of  
the Child Jesus, O.C.*



J. M. J.  
ST. MARY'S CONVENT,  
NOTRE DAME,  
INDIANA.

Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> 1951

Rev. Aloysius Ellacuria C.M.F.

Rev. Dear Father

I worried about those Mass Stipends to get them to You now I worry some more fearing You did not receive my letter since no word from You that You received my letter.

please dear Father write a line and let me know I have two more to send You. I will wait till I hear from You, hope Your number in the Novitiate are not too many that would make Your work too strenuous. do not worry too much about them, place them in the care of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, who will take care of them and will make them holy for You. I keep them in my prayers every day along with You and Father Joseph Mary.

Keep well, Thank You many times for Your holy prayers for me, we have a second heavy snow storm, since the first of November, about 2 feet this time.

As ever Your Sister in Holy Cross

Sister M. Mildreda

St. Mary's Convent  
New York  
Jan 1871

Jan 1871

Rev. Sisters of the  
Convent

My dear Sisters,  
I have two more to send you, I will send the first  
from your hope your number in the Novitiate are not  
to many that would make you in need of assistance  
to not worry to much about things in the  
convent of the Humane. I hope they will take care  
of them and will make them happy for you  
I hope them in my prayers every day along with the  
rest of the faithful.  
I hope you will find them very good and happy  
for me, we have a second house in the same  
city of Providence about a few miles from  
the main house. I hope you will like it.  
I hope you will like it.

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J. M. J.

ST. MARY'S CONVENT,  
NOTRE DAME,  
INDIANA.

attribute the nerve condition to the strain, as well as the many eye examinations, she had to undergo. she saw six eye Doctors, Mother Regina told me she had already engaged a room for her in a Hospital in Chicago where the Doctor was to do her Surgery. Mother told me she was waiting to hear from Mother Mary Agnes, the Provincial over St. Alberta. Sister went to Mother in the mean time and told her she wished to go home, so Mother proceeded to get her ready. I assure You Father, everything was done for Alberta, that could be except Surgery. I own my sincere opinion in the matter to You that it is all Gods will, and too that she was spared from the Surgery, as You know there is always a doubt, especially the eyes, as to the results. I felt I must tell You all about it. I saw Alberta for about 5 minutes the day before she left she remarked to me would she loose her vocation, that I told her not at all, for her to pray and go to You and You would direct her in that matter, that she was only 19 Years of age having her life yet before her. I gave her Father Pio's address, she said she knew he would cure her eyes that she would go to him and make a Novena, in His Chapel, I told her to get Your advice in the matter, so this is all I know about Alberta, but I assure You it pained me very much that she left while I feel too that it is all for the best, God knows all things and I feel He took



Care of her by perhaps saving her endless suffering especially a condition of the eyes,

Do take good care of Yourself, write sometimes, hope Father Joseph Mary is also well no doubt working hard for God and Souls, tell him I keep him with You in my prayers what do You know about our little friend Sister M. Medatrix of late, I often thought of her during Lent, how she suffered and prayed for her too, remember me to her when You write to her tell me all about Yourself. I am feeling fairly at present Thank God. You know You and Your Seminary will always have my prayers. many—many thanks for Your good prayers and blessings for me God love and bless You always

Devotedly Yours in J. M. J.

Sister M. Mildrida

J. M. J.  
ST. MARY'S CONVENT,  
NOTRE DAME,  
INDIANA.

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I went to Father Grimm to Confession, Father told me I made a very good Confession, & gave me a good advice, I told him my trouble asked him if I had anything to fear, Father was very consoling told me place all my confidence in Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, to talk to Him and do everything for Him even to the most insignificant act. to do it all for love of Him to keep on saying Jesus I love You, then have no fears Jesus and Mary will be with You. so Father I'm making every effort to do just that, "You know where Your place in my prayers will ever be. I have a few hours of duty every day, we have Exposition here in our Chapel every day from Mass in the am. till 2-30 P. M. I get an hour or more so You and Your Seminary are with me. I also pray for peace in the world. and for all poor sinners, now the holy Souls this month, I am feeling better those days so I'm writing You before Advent is here. Sister Alberta Marie is very well, and is really very happy she is a holy soul, is going to school, she has many classes. along with Choir practice, she is kept busy she looks very well, have very little trouble with her eyes she feels they are improving all the times, Father did You hear about the Sacred Heart picture in Turin, Italy, I've been told the Picture assume life at times over



it was in a Lady's home. of late it has been removed to a place for public worship, perhaps You may know of some Italian Father or some one from that place in Italy it is said there are many cures reported, also that Our Lord has warned of a terrible scourge is to happen through all the world, but that this holy Picture will save Turin, and Italy. perhaps You know about it. should You have please let me know. Our Lord is so good.

Father in the Salt Lake Catholic Register give the account of two relatives of the seers of the Apparitions of Fatima, and the pictures of the two boys, who have entered Your Order in Portugal One a nephew of the sole surviving witness (Lucy) now a Carmelite, and one a nephew of Jacinta, Francis Lucy's nephew is Tome Pereria dos Santos age (8) and Francisco Manuel Neves Rosa age 13. it also states You have purchased land near the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima to build a seminary, how wonderful a sure sign Our Lady of the Immaculate Heart love Your holy Order, as Her devoted Sons. "Congratulations with all my heart" in the same paper there is a very good picture of Father Pio, while at the consecration of the Holy Mass, I would like to cut out the pictures of Father, and of the two boys, the paper was loaned to me so I cant touch it. now Father I must not take Your time to read my long scroll, from a poor shaky hand, that I know You will excuse.

You know I'm thinking of You and Your glorious work that I will always keep in my prayers, when You write to Sister M. Medatrix tell her I'm praying for her and that she will whisper a good word for poor me in her holy moments with our Lord.

Now if You do not hear from me at Christmas time I will now wish You the Holiest and happiest of Christmas, God and Mary love and bless You always may They keep You with Them every day of Your life this is my prayer and wish for You and our other Brother across the sea.

as ever Your devoted Sister in J.M.F.  
Sister M. Mildreda



**"SMILING THROUGH" AFTER OPERATIONS**—Slated to come home this morning is the blonde young lady with the big smile and the hazel eyes. She is four-year-old Kathleen Shelby of 1305 North Paulsen ave., who had two serious operations recently for a rare and highly critical condition. She is waiting to be brought home to Compton today by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Shelby, from a Los Angeles metropolitan area hospital. Little Kathleen, who is seen holding her favorite doll, will return to the hospital in a few weeks for a check-up that will determine if a third operation is necessary. All friends and neighbors of the plucky little youngster are pulling for Kathleen's complete recovery.



Nov. 28-51

Dear Father:

John will call for you at the usual time Friday evening. We expect to have a good number here & I know that will please you.

In a recent conversation with the ladies I found out that they were most anxious to have you start your talk right after the Rosary & then when you finished they would ask you some questions. Would that be satisfactory to you?

These ladies are earnestly seeking to improve spiritually and they believe you can assist them in the correct procedures. If you had the time to prepare a talk about the need for humility in all endeavors for our Lord and the Church you would help some of our members who have had unhappy experiences raising large sums of money for certain activities, and when their work was successful they were

pushed aside and ignored by those who had solicited their aid.

If you in your kindly gracious manner, would explain that we should not expect credit here on earth for work done for the church, or religious organizations the ladies would understand.

I wish I had the time to speak to you about this particular matter but there is so little time before Friday. I am certain you will treat the matter as it deserves.

I am most anxious to prepare a plan for our organization & submit it to you in the near future. In my secret heart I had hoped to assist in some way to finance either a <sup>new</sup> chapel or decorate one for the use of your spiritual sons, when you find the perfect location for the novitiate.

So I have been "scheming" and praying that our dear Lady would guide me in directing these fine ladies in just such a plan.

It would be foolish to waste their talents on small projects.

Please do not think me presumptuous in  
this matter. You know I shall always  
be guided by your advice and direction.  
I do not wish to rush these women  
into a project without your full approval.  
Perhaps you have other plans for us. If  
so, we will be glad and happy to cooperate.  
When I have had an opportunity to explain  
just what these friends of mine have  
accomplished and are doing at present.  
You may be in a better position to  
judge what activity they are best suited  
for.

In the meantime, please pray for us.  
and ask Our dear Father and His  
Holy Mother to watch over us and guide  
us to whatever goals They desire.

Until Friday,

Sincerely Yours

Margaret Fleming



J. M. + J. T.

Nov. 28, 1951

Pax Christi!

Reverend and Dear Father,

Knowing that you have a special love for Carmelites, I have presumed on your charity, and come to request your help, if it be possible. Being in great need and of extreme timidity, in such matters, Reverend Mother has not only given me leave, but strengthened me in my hesitation; however she said you are busy and that I might not expect an early reply. If it were not for her willingness and reassurance I would not undertake such a bold letter as this. I had only heard that you are an experienced Director of souls, and thought perhaps, you might have another such as I, and would be able to advise me. I do not desire a Director, our Confessor suits me well, I only beg with all my heart, for your opinion, a few words will go a long way for this poor but simple soul. If, by the Grace of God, you feel you can help me, please be frank, I will not mind Father, even if it hurts. And if you cannot, forgive this letter, and aid me rather by your prayer, I shall accept it as the Will of God. It has taken a long time to get up the courage to write, believe me, it is a last resort. Now I will exert all my "Carmelite frankness," I hope it will not be harsh, considering you are one who is doubly a Father and I, a Novice. (I am wondering if you smile or frown at this fact). It has been four years since this soul received a distinct fall from God, but three since its entrance. Several months before it came to Carmel it was in great dizziness. Shortly after arriving it found itself in total darkness. Its sufferings, may be imagined. For six months pain was tearing this soul, it thought its "eternal-rewards" had begun on earth, and it was in Hell. After this pain stopped, this soul was another six months trying to preserve its lost peace. Because of so much trial it felt forced to abandonment, going step by step. At first this soul felt forced to it (because it could not seem to do anything else) then it began to run eagerly. So much so, that in two days it perceived a slight change within. After a year of this, it seemed to develop a certain "spiritual sense," and to know God in a new way. Also it seemed to receive light, for example: on Faith, Mother Church, Total Abandonment, and others. This time of apparent grace, lasted perhaps five or six months when again it felt enveloped by fog, it felt like God was slowly withdrawing His strength. It seemed that this child was wrenched to jump from a high place, into its father's arms, and the child did not want to jump; but the father was irresistible and for his love, it jumped, only the final his arms closed! For months this soul had the sickly feeling of falling, until it thought it could fall no lower, then this soul felt at last



on solid grounds. although, at present this soul feels numb, yet its peace is great. And despite the absolute "nothing" as regards God, it believes Him ever so close.

In proportion as the soul abandoned itself, the greater liberty it felt and the more noticable its faults became, both to itself and others. At first this soul was confused, wondering how it could be adorning in such an opposite way; but gradually it came to love these faults, for then it realized all the more, God's mercy and loving care. With good reason, however, this soul was told to overcome itself and its too great liberty. Although it delighted in its fall, that seemed to give so much self-knowledge, yet now it must be obedient. I feel like St. Paul must have, when he said "The good that I will, I do not!" It is my opinion that in time God will do away with many things and that I must be patient and wait for Him to work in His own way, as I have always done. Is this wrong Father, and I being lazy? By one I have been told to hammer constantly at myself, by another, to be patient. There are two who are over me, I love them, but they tear me in half! Novices have not access to spiritual books, where I might have found a third help, to settle this question. Can you see how much I will value your opinion? This is not the first time this soul has felt on the brink of being lost, and perhaps not the last, so your opinion would be help for the future also. I wonder sometimes, is it possible to abandon ourselves too much? Can the Devil interfere in this? Also, the utter "nothing" in this soul goes to such a great extent I would shock you if I were to tell. I fear this, because I have never heard of such a thing! Also this soul's terribly strong will, and its inability to re-open, can be good reason to think it has been mislead. Although I would be so happy to have these doubts cleared up, yet this soul has had too many to fret over them. Indeed, this soul's main consolation is to have a good laugh with the Sisters! "I care; but do not care," that is, I doubt, but do not feel troubled.

It is with a little embarrassment I enclose an envelope, if you do not use it I will understand, it is God's Will. In that case, someone could steam the stamp off and use the envelope for scratch paper.

Reverend Mother wishes me to assure you of the prayers of the Community, and asks that you remember us, especially since we go into "solitude and silence" tonight for our Annual Retreat. On my part I have leave to give you my most "valuable" possession, two Carmelite Days. Begging your special "Trinity Blessing" for myself and Sisters, I remain,

your humble servant in Christ,  
Sister Marie-Aimée of Jesus D.C.~

Wed. Eve. Dec 5, 51

Dear Father Aloysius:

Enclosed you  
will find a novena booklet to  
St. Philomena and a medal.  
Several of our girls will start the  
novena at once for all your intentions.

Thursday is a very important day  
for a very special intention. Please  
pray hard for it.

I will let you know if our prayers  
are answered.

Ask our Holy Mother to direct those  
ladies to our guild who will be  
most helpful to us.

Please pray for Bill, John, Tom &  
me too!

Sincerely  
Margaret Flinn



Bilbao 12-6-51

R. Father Fr. Aloysius Ollauria C.S.B.  
California

Queridísimo tío

Que hermosa era tu carta.

Cuanta, cuantísima alegría ha derramado sobre nosotros. ¿Por qué será que siempre lo de que te llega no conforta y anima? Es una lástima que no sean más frecuentes. Tío que vamos hacer, Dios quiere que tu tiempo sea para otros (quizé más, necesitado). El sabe bien lo que hace) así que no hacemos cargo de tu largo silencio. Sin embargo aunque no faltan tus cartas, ¿quién estás con nosotros tu espíritu aún vuela y se palpa en nuestras casas y no hay habitación y ni siquiera algún lugar de las mismas que no te recuerde de una forma constante y dulce. No me canso de decirte que nos has hecho mucho bien, y el mejor el más raro y valioso regalo de este mundo. Has avivado la fe y la luz de nuestro espíritu de forma que ahora sabemos y aun entre las tinieblas ¿qué más podía haber hecho? Gracias, mil gracias tío queridísimo por estos dones que nos has otorgado, si que pidiendo para que caten siempre dentro de nosotros y para que siguiendo así podamos todo junto disputar en compañía la vida eterna.

Respecto a nuestras vidas te diré. Haná con muchas cosas. Pero gracias



a Dios no tienen importancia, así que dentro de  
sus continuas molestias, va bien. Papá algo fasti-  
diado de sus bronquios, pero trabajando en sus ve-  
las. Mi hermano está hecho un negociante, y  
sale de un modo frecuente a la tienda y ha re-  
sultado del negocio por su cuenta de lo que ha  
obtenido en cada uno 3 y 4.000.- pto. Así que  
estamos muy contentos. Ahora se ha hecho movio de  
la hija pequeña de una familia muy amiga, de  
posición muy buena y de mejores costumbres. Ma-  
má y yo estamos muy contentas porque la chica  
es un encanto de virtudes y muy mona física-  
mente. El único defecto si cabe, es que es muy  
pajita, ahora está tomando unas inyecciones para  
dejar, ya veremos. Ruega para que Pachito se  
enamore más de ella, porque es lo que se había fal-  
ta, para que se hiciera un hombre completo.

Por lo que a mí respecta, ayer rompí las rela-  
ciones con José, no acababa de quererle lo suficiente  
para llegar al matrimonio así que preferí cortar  
lo. Respecto a mi vida te diré que no creo poseer  
precisamente vocación religiosa, así que esperaré de  
nuevo a la voluntad de Dios y al que Él me haya  
recibido se para casado he de ser.

Si te dices que os cambian  
el destino, tened que escribirnos para que las cartas  
que te escribamos vayan más directas, lo haré pronto.  
El Tío te mande sus recuerdos, también lo hacen las her-  
manas de papá y lo cobino (lo que se casaron) las chi-  
cas de la tienda y en fin todas las personas que te cono-  
cen. Vosotros me mandad mucho amor y todo nuestro  
cariño. A Dios y que el Corazón de María Santísima  
te siga demandando su gracia para que con luz nos alcan-  
ce. Tus hermanos José y Paco y otros. Salud y Fel.



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Bilbao 14-12-51

R. P. Juan Luis Illacueria C. M. F.  
Los Angeles - California

Queridísimo tío: Hace casi un mes empecé una carta para ti, en la que te contaba muchas cosas nuevas. Hoy te las volveré a referir pero más escuetamente ya que la falta de tiempo me impide hacerlo como yo quería.

Ante todo empezaré diciéndote que estamos bien más o menos. Lo tuve un ataque al riñón con hemorragia grande en el mes de Septiembre motivado por una pequeña piedrecita que tenía, pasó grandes dolores pero al fin y al espulsarla quedó bien y tranquila. Tapa' hace cosa de dos semanas tuvo un ataque de bronconeumonía que pudimos cortar a tiempo gracias a Dios, ahora ya pasado el peligro se restablece rápidamente. Ahora que en realidad es la de los males crónicos va hoy a casa de un nuevo doctor porque teme tener alguna lesión <sup>en el corazón</sup> (mi opinión es de que tiene mucha tensión y que la entrada de sangre que va al corazón motiva los dolores de su ahoga). La te escribiré con lo que le diga. Mi hermano es el más sano de todos. Ayuda mucho y ha ganado bastante en negocio fuera de la tienda. Viene novia, tiene 18 años (ahora cumple 19 el día 19 de este) es hija de una familia amiga de comercio muy bien situada y muy trabajadora y católica. Estamos contentos. La chiquita se llama María Rosario y es muy bajita de ojos azules y rubia muy carismosa y trabajadora.

De mi tío, te diré que si Dios quiere me casaré para Mayo del 52. Mi novio se llama Luis Villamor tiene de 36 a 38 años es nacido en Baracaldo de familia humilde pero cristiana y trabajadora. El ha sacado la familia adelante porque es muy activo y emprendedor y hoy ya ha conquistado una bonita posición. Ha comprado un piso al final de la Gran Vía cerca del La-



grado Borazón de Jesús y lo ha amueblado con sencillez pero con gusto y es además de acogedor y cómodo y elegante. Viene muchos preguero y como te digo no descausa. Voy a vivir con su madre, tiene ya 80 años así que habré de cuidarla con mimo. Te he hablado a Luis tanto de ti que ya te conoce y quiere mucho. Me encarga que con mis felicitaciones de Navidad y año nuevo te mande las suyas y que te pida para él y los suyos tu bendición. Si no costaran tanto los viajes y las estancias (por los nuevos a lugares tan lejanos como donde tu estás) puedes estar seguro que iríamos a verte, porque tantas ganas tiene de conocerte que hasta iniciamos a pensar un viajecito por ahí, pero al llegar a algunas cifras tan elevadas lo dejamos por imposible... de momento.

Bueno tío así ya sabes todas nuestras augurios de momento. Te repito que en tu carta del fin de año digas algo para Charito (la novia de Pachito) y para Luis (mi novio) una y otro te lo agradecerían grandemente ya que les llenaría de ilusión saber que les consideras ya como sobrino.

Si Dios quiere volveré a escribirte el año que viene y aunque por todo lo meses como te lo habías prometido. La verdad es que me gustaría haber seguido así, pero hemos estado bastante agobiado y fui demorando mis cartas de un momento a otro hasta llegar aquí. Lo peor que así me pasa con muchas cosas. Soy bastante dejada querido tío y lo peor es que no hago nada por sumendarme. Pido a Dios por nosotros tío y para que se nos conceda lo que mejor muestra alma y para que consigamos nuestra salvación que este sea nuestro mejor fin. Recibe besos y abrazos de mamá, papá, mi hermano, Charito y Luis y de las chicas y de mi lo amamos con todo cariño y hasta cuando quieras tu sobrino Marylén



37 Shradar St.  
San Francisco 17, Calif.  
December 15, 1951

Reverend Father Aloysius Ellacuria

Reverend and Dear Father,

Will you kindly offer  
the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass  
on two occasions in honor  
of the Holy Infant God and  
of His Immaculate Mother  
for my dear child, little  
Sister Mary of the Passion

I should have written  
and asked you long since  
to do this, as she requested  
the Holy Mass for my  
present to her. I hope  
dear Father, you will be



able to say one of the  
Masses during the sweet  
Christmas season

Thank you very kindly  
dear Father, and will you  
say a little prayer for  
my dear sister who is very  
scrupulous that she may  
go to the Sacraments on  
Christmas. I think Sister  
has asked you for prayers  
for her on a previous occasion

Reverently and devotedly in J.M.F.  
and may your Christmas be  
a time of special favor  
and benedictions from Our  
Dear Lord & Our Blessed Mother.

Very sincerely,

Margaret T. Sample

Please find enclosed the offering.



CHRIST HAS APPEARED ✦  
✦ TO US ✦  
COME LET US ADORE HIM

J. M. J. Dec. 16, 1951.

Rev. Father Aloysius, C. M. O.  
Los Angeles, California  
Rev. dear Father:—

My prayers and best  
wishes for a very holy Christ-  
mas and a New Year filled  
with His choicest graces  
and blessings.

Your long silence

is difficult to understand.  
Have I displeased you in  
some manner? I wonder, too,  
if you received the notice of  
our retreat of last summer.  
I know that you would have  
enjoyed Father Robt very much.  
Perhaps during the holidays, I  
shall find time to write.  
God has been very good to  
me in all - I have tried  
my best. Success has followed  
failure - and failure success.



I would so want to do more -  
but frequently have lacked in  
generosity and constancy in my  
resolution. Would you kindly  
offer a Mass some time during  
the next few weeks for the  
souls of the soul of my  
dear mother & father - William  
and Catherine Shine - and also  
me for the Shine family? I  
would appreciate hearing from  
you. You are in my frequent daily  
prayer. Love,  
Sister Mary Dolores, S.C.M.

L. L. M.

December 17, 1951

Dear Father Clovis,

I am enclosing a check for Mass stipends - Masses to be offered for my mother (Helle Krug). She is in a very critical condition and will probably be operated on the latter part of the week. May the Masses be offered for her recovery or for a happy death. I think she realizes the seriousness of her condition and seems perfectly resigned. I know she has been very lonely since my father's death so she hasn't much fighting spirit left.

Thank you very much Father.

Sincerely in Mary's Heart

Sister Mary Louise, L.L.M.

P.S. My signature on the check is

perfectly legal - and with all necessary  
permission - I thought you might wonder  
about it. I am the only one here with  
my mother so I am having to act for  
her.

J.M.L.



Lowell, Indiana  
Dec. 17, 1951

Dear Father Aloysius,

Although I haven't much time I'll try to at least write a short note. Our Shelby Church seems to be much the same as usual. However, several of our young families have moved away which isn't so good.

Mac Fogli, the littlest and eldest one of the three Foglis, has not had very good health this past year. At the present time she is in Chicago with her niece. She expects to be there all winter.

The Holton family has been increased by one this summer.

Kenneth and his wife have a new son - Gregory Andrew. He now has three children - Mike who is seven, Barbara, four and Gregory, 3 months. The only trouble is that we don't get to see them very often.

Mrs. Sam Lirois stays about the same. She is still at that home at Beaverville, Illinois. She never did recover her speech after her stroke a few years ago and her mind isn't right. She did recognize Mrs. Haslett when she visited her in August or September.

She went to see the big parade in Mornence when they had

their Gladioli Festival. My brother Raymond has a movie camera and he took pictures of the floats in color. They were very nice.

Do you remember the Mrs. Heilman who was confined to a wheel chair and lived at the north edge of Shelby? She is in a nursing home in Gary but last fall a nephew brought her to visit Shelby friends. He didn't happen to be at home at the time. We do write to her once in a while.

We're having quite a time to keep a choir together. Sometimes its number is down



to the minimum. The two  
Manno girls (both unmarried)  
are in Chicago and the boys  
have all deserted us so Mary  
Antia, and I try to carry it  
through! Sometimes we'd  
like to quit but the trouble  
is to find someone else to  
do it.

Hope this letter finds you  
in the best of health. We're  
all quite well for which  
we are thankful.

May God bless you,

Sincerely,  
Ruth Holton

Chicago, Ills  
Dec. 17- 1951

Dear Father,

I wrote you last evening requesting you to say some masses for me as soon as you can, & since then I have talked with my sister-in-law, & she has asked me to send you \$5.00 for her for 5 low masses to be said for our two nephews whom I mentioned to you, who was dying of cancer & the other has some kind of stomach trouble, however they are both very low & not expected to last long, so she would appreciate you saying those masses for them, & ask God to ease their suffering & the grace of a happy death I would appreciate it if you would acknowledge same & send the letter in my care.

Her address & name is

Mrs Catherine Lenane, 6536 Stony Island Ave, Chicago, 37, Ills. % Joseph Birmingham.

I do trust Father I'm not troubling you too much, & I will appreciate whatever you can do.

Wishing you a very happy & Blessed  
(over)

Christmas, & hoping to hear from you  
soon,

Sincerely,

Marion Bermingham

6536 Stony Island Ave  
Chicago, Ills.





## Abbey of Our Lady of the Holy Trinity

HUNTSVILLE - UTAH

December 18, 1951

Dear Father Aloysius:

As the Holy Season of Christmas draws nigh again with all its cheer and bustle a little word from your white robed Trappist monks of Utah we thought might add just that last touch to make your Christmas a day of "peace surpassing understanding."

Unlike all other nights of the year the monks arise at nine o'clock Christmas evening, and after a half-hour of mental prayer the first silvery strains of the Christmas Invitatory heralding the Greatest Event our earth has ever known are heard, the beckoning of the Shepherds one to another: "Christ is born to us! Come let us adore! And as the age-old Gregorian melodies succeed one another making vibrant the crisp winter night air it is our prayerful wish that they may convey to all our friends over and beyond our mountain-cloistered Abbey a like angelic invitation to come, and "see that the Lord is sweet to those who love Him"

During this Holy Octave besides our daily mass for all our benefactors there will be said at the Abbey a special extra mass by one of the Fathers in gratitude to all our Trappist Friends far and near for their invaluable assistance in the completion of our temporary Quonset Monastery. Plans are now in progress for the erection of the New Permanent Abbey on one of our nearby mountain ridges.

On behalf of our little community of seventy-five I take pleasure in extending our Happiest Christmas Wishes to you and all your dear ones. Invoking our sincerest and most enthusiastic blessing on the New Year for you I have the pleasure to remain

Very humbly yours in Christ,

*M. Maurice Lons*

Abbot.

P.S. Father Emmanuel deeply appreciated your message through Sister Ann Raymond. He does not forget you nor your dear Mother daily at the Altar.

Chicago, Ills  
Dec. 18, 1951

"To Father Aloysius"

Dear Father Aloysius,

you probably will be surprised to hear from me, so I think I had better introduce myself. I Am Mrs Joe Bermingham, of 6536 Stony Island Ave, Chicago, Ills. & the niece of the late Mary Harrigan, who worked out in Oak Forest, Ills at the infirmary. I heard her speak of you many, many times, & how she appreciated your kindness to her, she is passed away for years now & it seems like it was yesterday. I miss her very much, & her death was so sad, but I'm most sure God thought she was ready to meet him & I do hope she is happy in Heaven.

Well Father I have meant to write you many times, but I had some difficulty getting your address, but through the Hogan Family was able to get it. I have been very very sick since over a year ago, my trouble is



## II

High blood pressure, + though I have doctored a great deal for it, it still remains very high, I also get terrific headaches + dizziness so you can see I am very much on the sick list.

I would like you to say some masses for those headaches to leave or partly leave, + also this dizziness. I also want a mass said for my nephew who is very low with Cancer + there is no hope for him, but I would like for you to pray for his pain to be a little easier, + the grace of a happy death.

I also would like you to say a mass for my son, he is just finishing his last year at Loyola University + like most young men could improve in his habits, + also dear Father say a mass for peace in our home, as that of all things is very important.

Father I do hope you are well + not working too hard! + please do pray for my requests. Write when you can + remember me in your prayers. Sincerely,

Tom Joe Birmingham, 6536 Stony Island Ave  
Chicago, 37, Ills



Saint Francis Hospital  
Topeka, Kansas  
December 19, 1951

Dear Father Aloyius:

I couldn't send a Christmas card off without a note to say Merry Christmas to you.

Sister Ann Raymond tells me you gave them such a nice talk for the 8th. I miss those extra little privileges here.

I enjoyed my three months at the Mother House very much. It isn't often one has such an opportunity. Since August I have been here, and am much better now. Getting strength back has been slow work, but this has been a wonderful place to do it.

I do miss Santa Monica, though, and all the sisters there. We had a wonderful household.

Remember me in your prayers, won't you please, Father? That I may do our Lord's Will perfectly in everything. He has given me so much these last two years, and I would like to be at least a little grateful. One of the things that has surprised me most is the joy He gives with suffering.

Sincerely,  
*Sister Francis Eliza*

J.M.F.

December 30, 1951  
St. Mary's Novitiate  
Ft. Dearborn,  
Indiana

Dear Father Abeyine,

It has been so long  
since I saw you last that  
I almost think you have  
forgotten me. I used to come  
over with my sister Mary Louise  
and Mary Dotie. You used  
to be such a great help to  
me even though I said so  
little. I hope God will  
tell you how happy those  
visits made me. God bless  
you.

I want you to know  
that I am very happy.  
I am at peace.

Please pray for my sister.  
I have heard only once from  
her so I know little of her  
future intentions.

I remembered you often in  
my prayers and hope you  
will me.

You, most likely, will  
not remember - but I asked  
you to pray that I may become  
humble - please keep this  
intention in mind and  
remember me often to Him.  
I love Him so much.

Devotedly in Holy Cross,

Gloria Valdivia



Jaldácano 21-12-51.

D. D. Juan Luis Ellaurin.

Mi queridísimo tío:

A pesar de que no he recibido tu contestación a mi última (lo atribuyo a tu escaso trabajo) muy pronto me dirás a tí para decirte en primer lugar. Felicidades Jaldácano y más feliz aún año nuevo 1952.

Por fin oficialmente he acabado la carrera, pues hace 6 días acabamos la remisión y nos dieron los títulos, correspondiéndome el N.º 1 de mi promoción de 21 alumnos. Realmente no sé cómo dar gracias al Señor por tanta distinción. Jaldácano me la merezco. De algo han servido tus ruegos, lo de tío Jacchu y los de todos nosotros. Te harás cargo de mi alegría al enterarme, cuando en medio de la expectación de todos los compañeros, y en presencia de todos el profesorado, me nombraron el primero. ¿No te parece bonito todo esto? Sigue rogando mucho por todos nosotros, y por se todas nuestras cosas buenas y nos salgan bien en todo a la voluntad de Dios. Es tanto lo que necesito, y todo no ha de venir de Él. Por eso no te olvides de nosotros.

Un día de estos embarca D. Domingo para tierras leonales a hacerse cargo de una misión. Hace unos días que se le murió el padre y el pobre hombre está materialmente deshecho y muy afectado al juntarse estos dos acontecimientos tan importantes en su vida. Realmente hay es para morir.

Recibí carta del tío Jacchu el otro día y me decía que estaba missionando en un pueblo de Jaldácano y a base de 7 leonales diarios, por haberle enfermado los compañeros. Gracias a Dios tiene (como se lo dije a él) una habitación a prueba de bombas y es el sabor.

Hasta cuando quieras recite el camino de tu familia y un fuerte abrazo de

Juan Luis

J. M.

Reverend Aloysius Ellacuria, C. M. F.  
Claretian Monastery  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Father Aloysius,

You certainly lost no time in interesting someone in the spiritual welfare of my friend, Mrs. Hall. My grateful thanks for all your trouble. I feel it will not be without fruit. Your prayers and those of your novices will bring the blessing I so earnestly crave. It is so easy to come back to Mother Church, if my friend could only realize this, she would not hesitate. Please God she shall some day. The light of God's grace and love will penetrate the darkness in which she now lives.

I am eager to hear about your annual appointments. I am sure the Holy Spirit passed you by, as you are needed just where you are. The training of novices is a grave responsibility and requires special aptitude not given to all. Is David far from the goal? He does desire that day so ardently. I sincerely hope his health is better.

We were on retreat for the Feast of St. Aloysius, so I had ample time to remember you and your intentions. On the Feast of St. Anthony I also gave special thought to the Claretian Fathers, for the sake of the name day of our dear Saint Anthony Maria Claret. When is his feast day observed? I have a nephew, Fr. James Aloysius O'Callaghan of Long Beach, who had serious stomach surgery performed in Feb. He is on full time duty but really not ready for it. He has great difficulty with his meals; hours of distress follow each meal. I would appreciate a memento for him, please.

Summer Session is in its second week. The poor Sisters do not get too much free time. As soon as school is closed they pack for retreat, then pack again for summer session, with only a day or two intermission. They work strenuously at their studies, I assure you, and are quite spent at the end of the course. What price education!

I shall be looking for favorable news in regard to my friend. She could well afford to educate a boy for the priesthood. What a golden opportunity to make amends for past infidelities. Good St. Claret will help us. Thank you for the prayers to our Saint. I distribute them where most needed.

Please offer Holy Mass for my intention, when convenient. I am ever so grateful for your prayers for me. It takes much to keep me going. Apart from the blindness, I suffer from severe head aches, caused no doubt from the eyes. I accept lovingly and submissively what He has chosen for me. All I ask that I waste none of it, by my impatience or lack of awareness. God is so good.

SISTER MARY XAVIERIA

Christmas Greetings



Dear Rev. Father,

My heart's prayerful  
wishes for a "Happy Christmas" and  
a bright and prosperous "New Year."

Though my last visit with  
you was very short, you made me  
very, very happy with your good  
advice. It is sustaining me through  
the days.

Dear Father, after I returned



home from Los Angeles until a few days ago, something happened twice and it is this:-  
During the dinner hour, while I was attending the front door and telephone, I heard distinctly my name pronounced. "Sr. Louise Marie" in a loud whisper, and nobody was around but myself. Then a few days ago, at the same place my name was called in a louder whisper. I thought maybe it was a Poor Soul - I did not recognize the voice either time. Since then I am praying more for the poor souls. I am wondering who it could have been. Surely

not my Angel.

I am very glad that one of your Scholastics sent a request for stamps. Sister is having the girls save and wrap them for him. Until now, the Jesuits have gotten thousands upon thousands, & now the Claretians will get their turn.

In a whisper, Mrs. O. D.'s mother-in-law, has another lot, similar to the one Mrs. O. D. gave you, so Sr. Fina and I are again praying that her heart will be touched, and that you will get a second gift. You have been so kind to me, that I pray each morning at Mass and Holy

With all good wishes for a  
Joyful Christmas  
and a Happy New Year

Communion for you (You do not  
need any prayers, tho) also for your  
dear "Boys".

Any time you see I am in  
spiritual need, just drop me a line.

Sister Marcella is still in Los  
Angeles, sick and very tired.

Now, dear Rev. Father, I shall close,  
renewing best wishes for this Holy Season's  
Blessings. Please continue praying for me.

as ever in the Sacred Heart.

Sincerely yours, Sister Louise Marie. S.N.D.

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Marie Krauss

Leary

36 Ashbury Street

San Francisco 17, California

December 26, 1951

Rev. Father Aloysius,  
Dear Rev. Father,

I have a dear friend  
who was my business  
course teacher at the Convent  
Sister Louise Marie Notre Dame  
Sister. I was asking her  
what she wanted for Christmas  
she said nothing for herself  
but if I wanted to get her a  
carton of cigarettes for you  
I was only too happy to do  
so. Under separate cover  
I am mailing you the  
carton of cigarettes which  
I hope you receive OK.

Marie Krauss

Leary

36 Ashbury Street

San Francisco 17, California

Sister feels lonely since her  
two dear Sisters Amanda  
and Leonella passed away.  
I try to go to Mission  
Dolores Convent as often  
as I can to see her. Sister  
is a darling and I love  
her very much.

Enclosed a little offering  
for yourself asking you  
to remember me in your  
Mass and say a prayer  
for my special intention.  
Thanking you and  
wishing you a very  
happy New Year.

Sincerely  
Marie H. Leary

J.M.J

Dec. 27, 1951

Dear Father Alapian,

MAY THE ANGELS'

WONDROUS TIDINGS

BORNE ON THAT HALLOWED AIR,

BRING TO YOU PEACE ABIDING

EVERYDAY,

AND EVERYWHERE.

Thank you so much for  
offering the Holy Masses for me.  
I am most grateful to you.  
Do you think maybe you  
could offer up five more  
(inside)



must be a day you have - the  
feast of St. John The Beloved of  
Our Lord.

I didn't forget you on  
Christmas day. We had six Holy  
Moses but not much sleep,  
so I am afraid my prayers  
suffered from that. I hope  
Our Lord understands.

Please continue to pray for  
me and all our family, dear  
Father. May all your desires  
be realized by Jesus and Mary.

Happy New Year, dear Father,  
and I shall pray for you always.  
Thank you for all your interest in  
me, and for your prayers & sacrifices.  
Bretelyfully, Sister Mary of the Passion.

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Holy Masses, so if you are too busy with other intentions, will you please have another Father offer them. It is so wonderful to have the opportunity to have Masses said. I am glad we have Christmas because it brings us many good things, doesn't it?

A lady sent me a very large life of the Curé of Ars by the Abbé Prochier. It looks very interesting.

Hope, dear Father Alayrac that you are having a wonderful Christmas season and that Our Lord grants you every grace and blessing. I am sure today

J.M.

December 30, 1951.

Reverend Aloysius Ellacuria, C. M. F.  
1119 West Chester  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Father Aloysius,

Prayerful wishes for the New Year. May it be one of many blessings for you and your Novitiate.

Our Provincial House at Los Gatos is nearing completion. Our Novitiate will be transferred from here to the new building. This will be an advantage as living conditions are rather crowded here, and our environment not very conducive to recollection. We are just across the road from Lake Merritt, a popular resort especially on week-ends. In Los Gatos we shall have almost the seclusion of Carmelites, we are situated on the foothills of the Santa Cruz Mountains, with no other neighbors that the Jesuits. I think we shall be able to get along, don't you?

Thank you, sincerely for praying for my nephew, Fr. O'Callaghan. He has gained a little recently but he has some way to go yet. He tires easily, as the intake of food is not sufficient for the strenuous program he follows.

I am enclosing a stipend for the repose of the soul of Cletus Lilly. I would appreciate your sending a card announcing the Mass to his sister, Mrs. John Deady, 931 Bilton Way, San Gabriel as I feel she and her family will like being present. If possible it would be more convenient if the day were on a Saturday. There is no immediate hurry on this, let it be at your convenience. Thank you for your prayers for me, dear Father. I include you and your religious family in every Mass I am privileged to attend. May God bless you.

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,  
SISTER MARY XAVIERIA.



J. M. J.

412 Tenth St.  
Michigan City, Ind.  
Dec. 30, 1951

Dear Father Aloysia,

The enclosed is for  
two low Masses which I  
would appreciate read as  
soon as possible. My  
needs are many, Father,  
as the Mass offering  
will be for those.

I was most grateful  
for your prayers and I  
hope they will be continued.  
You are not forgotten or  
forgotten.

May the New Year bring  
you many grace and  
blessings.

Sincerely in Jesus,  
Sister Mary Jane